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Professional History

- United States Air Force

Education

- M.A., Public Administration, University of Central Oklahoma
- B.A., Political Science and Economics, Central State University

Certification

- Certified Professional Contracts Manager, National Contract Management Association
- Contracting (Systems Acquisition), Level III, Acquisition Professional Development Program
- Contract Management Communications and Computer Systems, Level II
- Program Management, Level I, Acquisition Professional Development Program

Cecelia is a contracts specialist leader who spent her entire career with the Department of Defense (33 years with the U.S. Air Force). Prior to retirement, she was Chief of Contracts for the Simulators Program Office at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton. In that position, she oversaw a staff of 100 and 60 different programs. During her career, she was recognized frequently for her leadership, including the AFMC/PK Professional Development Award in 2019, Supervisor of the Year in 2017, and Civilian of the Year in 2010. Cecelia now is a freelance coach through her Leadership Coaching Mentoring Connections Website and through her weekly podcasts as a member of PinkPassportSociety.org. Cecelia's skills include agile management, strategic planning, organizational improvement, coaching, and team building.

Strongly promoting empowerment, Cecelia has taught job development and interviewing skills, established and chaired a business council of Dayton businesses to provide job placement for trainees in the metropolitan area, and taught economics. Her volunteering centers on mentoring--She is a long-term volunteer mentor for Parity, Inc, a partnership between Air Force Materiel Command (AFMC) and the Dayton Urban League/City Schools. She separately mentors AFMC employees. As part of the American Business Women's Association, she develops women and college candidates. Through her church, she teaches small groups about working with others.

OneSource Experience

Cecelia looks forward to assisting with leadership development, business services and strategic planning projects.