



Cecelia spent her entire career as a contracts specialist leader 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 people and 60 different programs. Throughout her 33 years with the Air Force, 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's skills include agile management, strategic planning, organizational improvement, coaching, and team building.

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Professional History

- Department of Defense

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

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 mentoring passion has developed over times as a volunteer mentor for Parity, Inc, a partnership between Air Force Materiel Command (AFMC) and the Dayton Urban League/City Schools; developing women and college candidates as a member of the American Business Women's Association; and teaching small groups about working with others, through her church. She currently mentors small business leaders and those who aspire to own a business as a volunteer for Dayton Score, as well as, develops Diversity, Equity, Inclusion training.

She is a freelance coach through her Leadership Coaching Mentoring Connections Website and weekly podcasts as a member of PinkPassportSociety.org.

OneSource Experience

Cecelia has enjoyed her EXCEL coaching role, and other leadership development, business services and strategic planning projects.

