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Peggy Sherry Named Deputy Commissioner for Operations Support

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WASHINGTON — Internal Revenue Service Acting Commissioner Danny Werfel today announced that Peggy Sherry, a top official at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), has been named the next IRS Deputy Commissioner for Operations Support.

"Peggy brings a strong track record and a diverse set of skills that will help her with this critical IRS leadership position," Werfel said. "Her expertise inside different government agencies on a wide portfolio of projects, coupled with her background in accounting, will work well heading the Operations Support organization."

Sherry, who starts in her new role on Nov. 4, will replace the current Deputy Commissioner for Operations Support, Beth Tucker, who retired from the IRS at the end of September.

As Deputy Commissioner for Operations Support, Sherry will direct IRS' support-focused functions, which encompass about 11,500 employees and include: the Chief Financial Officer; Human Capital Office; Information Technology; Privacy, Governmental Liaison and Disclosure, which oversees protecting sensitive taxpayer information; and Agency-Wide Shared Services, which comprises procurement, real estate, physical security and employee assistance.

Sherry has served as the Chief Financial Officer at DHS since April 2012, and was Acting CFO and Deputy CFO at DHS from 2008 to 2012. She formerly served as Deputy CFO and Financial Reports Supervisor for the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum and as an Assistant Director at the U.S. Government Accountability Office.

The IRS Deputy Commissioner for Operations Support is a career civil service position. The position, along with the Deputy Commissioner for Services and Enforcement, are the top two positions at the IRS under the IRS Commissioner.