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Biography

Crawford has worked at RAND for 40+ years, during which she served for nine years as vice president and director of RAND Project AIR FORCE (September 1997-October 2006). She has deep, substantive technical and operational knowledge and experience in areas such as conventional weapons, attack and surveillance avionics, fighter and bomber aircraft performance, aircraft survivability, electronic combat, theater missile defense, force modernization, space systems and capabilities, and non-kinetic operations.

She has been a member of the Air Force Scientific Advisory Board since 1988, and was its vice chairman in 1990 and cochairman from 1996 to 1999. In 2006, Crawford received the OSD Medal for Exceptional Public Service and a Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Defense Industrial Association's Combat Survivability Division, as well as the RAND Medal for Excellence. In 2003, she received the Air Force Analytic Community's Lifetime Achievement Award and the Vance R. Wanner Memorial Award from the Military Operations Research Society. In addition, she has received the Department of the Air Force Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service twice, in 1995 and 2003.