



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

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## **LINDA RIZZO**

Linda Rizzo is the Director of Administration for the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs in Largo, Fla.

She provides oversight of the fiscal, accounting, finance, budget, purchasing and personnel function for the state agency involving approximately 1,200 employees with an annual budget of more than \$112 million. In this role, she leads a division responsible for providing support to the agency including preparation of the department's Annual Report, Long Range Program Plan, Financial Statements and Legislative Budget Requests. She assumed her current role in December 2018.

Ms. Rizzo spent the first 18 years of her career in the hospitality industry, and since has worked in various positions in state government.

She began work with the State of Florida as an Accounting Services Supervisor with the Department of Health supervising the financial area. In 2007, Linda brought her expertise to FDVA as an Internal Auditor and has held several key leadership positions including Business Manager, Finance and Accounting Director, Health Financial Manager, Accounting Services Administrator and Fiscal Officer.

Her 11-year tenure with FDVA has afforded noteworthy accolades to include creating a centralized billing process that increased revenue collected for Medicaid and Medicare in FY 2009-10 and FY 2008-09, a total of \$8.6 million. She was also project lead for the Indirect Cost agreement with the Federal Government. The agreement authorized FDVA to apply the approved indirect cost rate of 10.6% to grants and contracts with the Federal Government.

She has a Bachelor's degree in Accounting.

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