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Dov S. Zakheim is a Senior Fellow at the CNA Corporation and a Senior Adviser at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. From 2001 to 2004, he was Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) and Chief Financial Officer for the Department of Defense. In this role, he was the principal advisor to the Secretary of Defense on all budgetary and fiscal matters, including the development and execution of the Defense Department's annual budget. He also oversaw the Department's financial policy, financial management systems, and business modernization efforts.

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Dr. Zakheim has been an adjunct Senior Fellow of the Council on Foreign Relations, an adjunct Scholar of the Heritage Foundation, and an adjunct professor at the National War College, Yeshiva University, Columbia University, Georgetown University, and Trinity College. Dr. Zakheim chaired the National Intelligence Council's International Business Practices Advisory Panel (2008-2011), was a member of the Secretary of the Navy's Advisory Board (2008-2010), and served on the Commission on Wartime Contracting in Iraq and Afghanistan (2008-2011). He is currently a Senior Fellow of the Defense Business Board, on which he served from 2004-2010, and which he helped establish, as well as a member of the Chief of Naval Operations Executive Panel, the Council on Foreign Relations, the Royal Institute of International Affairs, and the International Institute for Strategic Studies. He is Vice Chairman of both the Foreign Policy Research Institute's Board of Trustees and of the Board of Directors of the Center for The National Interest.

Dr. Zakheim is the author of over a dozen books and has published over 200 articles and monographs on defense issues. He received a B.A. in government from Columbia University, studied at the London School of Economics, and earned a D.Phil. in Economics and Politics from St. Antony's College at the University of Oxford. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Swedish Academy of War Sciences in 2011.

He is a three-time recipient of the Department of Defense's highest civilian award, the Distinguished Public Service Medal, as well as other awards for government and community service.