



Biography

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Nicolette Nye is the Vice President Communications and External Relations for the National Ocean Industries Association (NOIA) in Washington, DC.

Before joining NOIA in 2008, Nye worked for nearly a decade at the Department of the Interior's Minerals Management Service (MMS). She held various public affairs positions at MMS, starting as Constituent Affairs Specialist in Washington, DC and ending as the National Offshore Public Affairs Lead, in Herndon, VA, where she headed communications planning for the agency's nascent offshore renewable energy program. She began her federal government career as a public affairs specialist at the Consumer Product Safety Commission in Bethesda, MD, where she focused on sports-related injuries, fire safety and fireworks safety.

A retired Navy Chief Petty Officer, Nye served her final two military tours in Hawaii, where she was Senior Journalist for the Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Command at Camp H.M. Smith, and Force Journalist and Assistant Public Affairs Officer for the Commander Submarine Force Pacific, Pearl Harbor. She also served two tours in Japan as a broadcast journalist; producing, reporting and ultimately anchoring nightly television newscasts at the Far East Network in both Misawa and Yokota. During this time, Nye also dabbled in radio and was presented a 1st Place Chief of Naval Information Award and a 2nd Place Thomas Jefferson Award for her radio news series on domestic violence. Nye kicked off her career as a Navy journalist as sports-editor for *The Gator*, the bi-weekly newspaper of Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek, VA.

Born in London, England, Nye lived in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada as a young child, and grew up in San Jose, California. She became a naturalized U.S. Citizen at the age of 21 and attended several colleges and universities both before and during her military career, including the University of Maryland and Wayland Baptist University where she earned a degree in Business Administration. Nye lives in Northern Virginia and has adult twin daughters living in the same area.