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Dr Chris D'Ascenzo has over 28 years of experience in the large-scale information systems integration business for government and commercial customers. His career contributions have been in the command, control, communications, and intelligence systems integration (C4ISR) market since he started as an engineering intern with GE Aerospace in 1980. He currently leads a \$250M business unit at BAE Systems delivering managed IT and mission enabling services to the DOD and defense intelligence community. He has held multifunctional leadership roles in electronic design engineering, manufacturing, information systems engineering, and managed IT services including cybersecurity infrastructure services. His assignments have included profit and loss management of large complex government information systems development programs, business development leadership of billion dollar class opportunities, venture development, business unit strategic planning, and state government contracting. He holds a patent in 911 PBX caller location technologies, has published articles on electronic phase noise and organizational management.

From 1994-1996 Chris directed a \$30M geospatial information systems development business at Lockheed Martin after leading a capture of a key account with the now National Geospatial Agency. His portfolio included C4ISR programs with the Army Topographic Engineering Center, NSA, and national intelligence community customers. In 1996 he became director of advanced programs at Lockheed Martin IS&S, an organization chartered to develop new solutions for national intelligence information management missions in new markets and key proposals. He was a program director for 3 years in Lockheed Martin's IMS commercial subsidiary in the state and local government public sector developing new managed IT based business solutions. In 1999, he led a team to win a \$130M Pennsylvania state police dispatch system contract and then he led a \$35M annual public safety systems integration business, for the next 3 years. After leading several homeland security business development campaigns as a Director of Business Development from 2001 through 2003, in 2004 Chris became the capture executive for the \$4B Integrated Wireless Network for national communications for the Department of Homeland Security and Department of Justice, winning Phase 1 of that program in 2006.

Chris holds a doctorate in business administration. His area of study is entrepreneurial venture leadership and his dissertation was in early stage angel investment management. He earned bachelors and master's degrees in electrical engineering from Drexel University and MBA degree from Villanova University. He is a graduate of General Electric, Lockheed Martin and BAE Systems executive leadership programs. His outside interests and qualifications include board memberships with the Philadelphia Chapter of the Navy League and Malvern Prep School Alumni Association. He volunteers his time as a conservation officer in Pennsylvania and is an experienced civil defense radio operator and Red Cross emergency services volunteer. Since 2007, he has been active with the national FIRST Robotics program for promoting science, technology, and engineering education for youth. He held an elected position with the DC area Industry Advisory Council's Homeland Protection Shared Interest Group and was a principal member of the DC Homeland Security and Defense Business Council. Chris is also a limited partner in the Philadelphia based Mid Atlantic Angel Group Fund for early stage companies. He is a member of the Philadelphia Union League where he is active in youth leadership and civics education. He is a life member of the American Radio Relay League and US Navy League.