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Biography



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Lou Von Thayer is president of General Dynamics Advanced Information Systems, a position he has held since March 2005.

As president of General Dynamics Advanced Information Systems, Von Thayer leads a diverse organization of 8,500 professionals that provides end-to-end mission solutions in systems integration, development and operations support to customers in the defense, intelligence, space and homeland communities.

Headquartered in Fairfax, Va., the company integrates land, air, sea, space and cyber assets to facilitate the collection, exploitation, analysis and dissemination of mission-critical intelligence information.

Von Thayer currently serves as the chair of General Dynamics Business Development Council and served on the Corporate Excellence Committee from 2005 to 2008.

Prior to becoming president, Von Thayer served in a variety of senior management positions for General Dynamics Advanced Information Systems. He was senior vice president of operations where he led the integration of the Veridian and DSR acquisitions, as well as responsibilities for the company's day-to-day operations. He was vice president and general manager of the surveillance and reconnaissance business unit that, under Von Thayer's leadership, won several strategic contracts, including the nearly \$300 million Integrated Computer Systems program for the Army's Future Combat Systems. He was vice president of engineering and manufacturing where he was responsible for integrating the four key acquisitions that formed the foundation of General Dynamics Advanced Information Systems.

Von Thayer joined General Dynamics as vice president of engineering and chief technical officer when his previous employer, the Advanced Technology Systems division of Lucent Technologies, was acquired in 1997. Von Thayer served as senior vice president for Advanced Technology Systems, responsible for all government programs, engineering, manufacturing, quality, contracting, and procurement. Von Thayer had worked at Lucent and its predecessor, AT&T Bell Laboratories, since 1983.

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Von Thayer holds a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Kansas State University and a master's degree in electrical engineering from Rutgers University. He is a member of the Defense Science Board, a federal advisory board that provides the secretary, deputy secretary and under secretary for acquisition, technology and logistics with independent, informed advice and opinion on scientific, technical, manufacturing, acquisition process, and other matters of special interest to the Department of Defense. He also serves on the boards of the Intelligence and National Security Alliance and the Engineering Advisory Council for Kansas State University. He is a member of numerous professional organizations to include AFCEA, AOC, IEEE, NDIA, and SNA. He has previously held advisory or board positions for the International Engineering Consortium, International Council on Systems Engineering, and Systems and Software Consortium.