



Matt Stratford is the co-founder and President of **BridgePhase**, an award-winning small business based in Arlington VA. Bridging the gap between legacy systems and digital transformation for the Federal Government, BridgePhase leverages deep expertise in cloud native development, platform engineering, and AI to passionately deliver software, automation, and analytics that enable organizations to deliver business value rapidly and securely through the adoption of DevSecOps tools and practices, customer-focused processes, infrastructure modernization, and increased efficiency.

Matt launched his career in 2000 as a technical consultant, spearheading efforts to modernize defense legacy systems with web-based access capabilities. In 2003, he pivoted into commercial consulting, spending several years driving software engineering and integration initiatives for pharmaceutical, defense, and aerospace leaders. This cross-industry experience instilled an understanding of the agility and innovation Fortune 500 organizations need from their IT systems and services to maintain a competitive edge.

Matt's experience supporting customers in a broad range of industries while working for large and smaller companies early in his career formed his vision for a company centered on outcomes, innovation, and an empowering employee-focused culture guided by servant leadership principals. That vision took root in BridgePhase, which now consists of a team of 100+ experts who drive digital transformation across the Government while being supported by a people-first culture focused on ensuring every employee has the support to realize meaningful outcomes for their clients and their careers. As the co-founder and Managing Principal of BridgePhase, Matt is dedicated to maximizing the potential of both the BridgePhase team and their client missions.

Matt holds a Bachelor of Science in Integration Science and Technology and Minor in Computer Science from James Madison University, as well as a graduate certificate in Digital Transformation from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is also a certified PMI Agile Certified Practitioner (PMI-ACP), a certified Amazon Web Services Cloud Practitioner, and holds a DevOps Foundation certificate. In 2023, Matt was also named a 2024 Engage National Security Honoree by OrangeSlices.ai. A Washington DC area native, Matt now lives in Kennebunk Maine with his wife of 18 years and 2 children. Matt loves the outdoors, and in his free time, you will probably find him skiing, mountain biking, hiking, golfing, or running.

About BridgePhase: With deep experience with cloud native software development, platform engineering, and artificial intelligence, BridgePhase is passionate about helping Federal Government organizations deliver business value by adopting DevSecOps practices, digital-first processes, and automation technologies that enable new products, enhance customer engagement, modernize platforms, and dramatically increase efficiency and security. Since 2014, the BridgePhase team has made significant impacts leveraging Agile methodologies and DevSecOps tools and practices to advance the missions of clients within the Department of Homeland Security, Intelligence Community, and various Air Force software factory organizations. BridgePhase was recently selected as AFCEA International's 2023 Small Business of the Year, an award recognizing a small business that demonstrates excellence in client service, training and innovation, employee development, community outreach, mentorship to other small businesses, and a demonstrated commitment to diversity.