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VICE PRESIDENT

SPACE PROGRAM OPERATIONS



Kevin D. Bell is vice president, Space Program Operations, Space Systems Group at The Aerospace Corporation. Bell was appointed to this position on April 1, 2017. In this role, Bell works directly with the Air Force, government, and industry partners to develop military satellites and to advance national security space systems. He assists with the development of system requirements, provides schedule/cost risk assessments, and solves systems development problems. Bell oversees four major mission areas: communications, surveillance, weather, and navigation.

Bell joined Aerospace in 1992 as a member of the technical staff in Vehicle Systems Division of the Engineering and Technology Group (ETG). Most recently, Bell was general manager of the Imagery Programs Division, National Systems Group, and prior to that he was general manager of the Systems Engineering Division in ETG.

Bell has also supported the Air Force, NASA, commercial ventures, Missile Defense Agency, and the National Reconnaissance Organization customers, serving as systems director of the Space and Directed Energy Technology Directorate; principal director of the Missile Defense Division, Systems and Technology Subdivision; and principal director of Advanced Research and Engineering, Advanced Technology Division, among other increasingly responsible positions within the corporation's National Systems Group. Prior to joining Aerospace, Bell held positions in industry, academia, and at the NASA Ames Research Center.

The Aerospace Corporation is an independent, nonprofit organization dedicated to the objective application of science and technology toward the solution of critical issues affecting the nation's space program.

Education

Bell has bachelor's degrees in both mechanical engineering and aero engineering from the University of California, Davis, and a master's degree in aero engineering from Stanford University.

Affiliations

Bell is a member of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA).

Honors and Awards

Bell has been recognized with the AIAA's Distinguished Service Award (1997 and 2006), the MDA 2004 Systems Engineer Award, the AS&T 2007 Director's Team Award, and the BMDO/Phillips Lab/NASA 1995 Joint Demonstration Award, among many others.

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