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P.J. Braden is the Chief Executive Officer and founder of Gryphon Technologies, LC, a premier engineering and technical services firm providing support to National Security and Coalition Forces. Gryphon is a company that has grown to over 700 employees and \$100M in annual revenue since being founded 15 years ago. It was ranked Deloitte Consulting's prestigious Technology Fast 50 for Maryland as one of 500 fastest growing defense companies in the nation, and was hailed by *Washington Business Journal's* as one of the "Best Places to Work".

Before founding Gryphon in 1998, Braden served in various positions of increasing responsibility in the defense industry for over 17 years. She began her career as a cost analyst and then quickly moved into business development. She became a Vice President of Marketing for a mid-sized Navy systems integration company. A few years later she joined a similar business that was a start-up and became the Sr. Vice President of Business Development and was later promoted to the Sr. Vice President of Operations. When that company sold, she took the opportunity to start Gryphon Technologies.

Braden was selected as one of 12 members of the Professional Services Council Executive Committee (PSCEC), the leading advocacy group of the defense industry and served for over five years.

In her capacity as an expert in her field, Braden has testified before the United States Congress on the issue of acquisition reform and how it relates to the market place.

With Gryphon, Braden has successfully taken a holistic approach to management, focusing not only revenue and profits, but on charitable giving, community involvement, and health and wellness of her employees. Braden served on the Advisory Board of the Smithsonian, American University's Women in Politics Institute and Lehr Environmental Corporation.