



David M. Van Buren
Corporate Senior Vice President - Business Strategy

David M. Van Buren was appointed Corporate Senior Vice President for Business Strategy in April 2012. Prior to joining L-3 Communications Corporation, Mr. Van Buren was the Air Force Service Acquisition Executive (SAE) from April 2009 to March 2012. He was responsible for all Air Force research, development and acquisition activities. Mr. Van Buren directed approximately \$70 billion of annual investments that included major programs like the KC-46A Tanker, F-35 JSF, Advanced Extremely High Frequency Satellite, Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle, Global Positioning System Satellite and weapons, as well as capability areas such as information technology, cyber, command and control and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance systems. He executed the roughly \$300 billion five-year Air Force investment strategy to acquire systems and support services.

Mr. Van Buren has more than 30 years of business experience in the Air Force, large defense corporations, and private equity owned small and medium aerospace and commercial high-technology firms. These technology areas included hyperspectral imaging; laser communications; alternative power sources; avionics; high-speed processing; compound semi-conductors; and satellite power systems.

Among Mr. Van Buren's CEO experience in high technology firms, he successfully transitioned TECSTAR, a small business, to being named one of the top 50 space manufacturers in the world by Space News. Prior to that, he was Vice President and Deputy Program Manager for the B-2 bomber at Northrop Corporation, and Project Manager on several classified airborne platforms, including the F-117A, and satellite platforms at Lockheed. Prior to his tenure at Lockheed, he served on active duty in the Air Force for nine years, including two operational tours in Southeast Asia.

In 2012, Mr. Van Buren was presented the highest civilian honors in both the Department of Defense (Medal for Distinguished Public Service) and Air Force (Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service). In 2013, Mr. Van Buren was appointed to the Defense Science Board by the Secretary of Defense.