

MICHAEL E. SLONIKER [REDACTED]

DIRECTOR SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES PROGRAMS

SUMMARY

Thirteen years of documented success in Washington based government affairs, congressional relations, and special operations aircraft acquisition. Comprehensive knowledge of Department of Defense (DoD) and congressional programming, planning, budgeting and acquisition process. Extensive interaction with DoD and industry senior leadership and program managers with congressional and state legislative staffs.

CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS

Developed and executed strategy to generate congressional support for Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve and active Air Force and Army Special Operations and Special Mission Aircraft modification, maintenance and systems integration programs, to include compartmented programs. Applied technical expertise and documented professional experience to work issues of importance to the corporation with congressional personal and professional staff members.

AIRCRAFT ACQUISITION

Seventeen years of aircraft acquisition experience in Army and Air Force Rotary Wing, and Air Force Fixed Wing programs. Eleven years of Special Operations Aircraft Acquisition experience on the Army, Office of Secretary of Defense, and corporate staffs. Worked closely with state delegations in the advancement of aircraft improvements to their Air National Guard or Air Force Reserve units. Initiated the congressionally supported advancement of the Quiet Knight program that lead to the Common Avionics Architecture for Penetration (CAAP) program, protection, essential for the mission survival of all special operations forces (SOF) airframes. Corporate lead for the initiation of the AC-130J program. Closely interacted with the OSD Special Operations, US Special Operations Command, Air Force Special Operations Command, National Guard Bureau and Air Force Reserve staffs on all corporate SOF programs. Coordinated and executed transfer of service funds to the congressionally directed SOF account, major force program 11, at its inception.

EDUCATION

MS, Webster University