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Biological profile

Mr. Yamada was formerly the Sector Director for the Reston, VA based Advanced Capabilities Demonstration Laboratory (ACDL) of Northrop Grumman Information Systems. The ACDL was a showcase of integrated mission capabilities and a working laboratory focused on advancements where technology is used as an enabler to efficiently convert data into knowledge then thought into action using natural, intuitive techniques. The ACDL was designed to exemplify how Northrop Grumman brings thought leadership for the markets served and has industry recognition in multi-function visualization environments at multiple security levels used for command and control, intelligence and cyber systems. He also led the establishment of the Center for Innovative Solutions located in McLean, VA prior to transitioning to his current position.

Joining Northrop Grumman (previously TRW) in 1981, Mr. Yamada held a variety of technical, program and organizational assignments with increasing responsibility including Program Manager for the \$622M U. S. Air Force

Unified Local Area Network Architecture Contract, General Manager of the Information Networks Division, Division Business Development Manager for the \$1B Data Technologies Division, Business Area Director for a \$250M products and services line of business for the Tactical Systems Division, Vice President of Managed Network Services for the \$3.1B Systems Integration Group, and Vice President of Operations for the Global IT Division.

Mr. Yamada is also a two time winner of the coveted Chairman's Award for Innovation– the first in 1993 and the second in 1998. He received his Bachelors of Science degree in Computer Science and Electrical Engineering from the University of Hawaii while working on a Defense Advanced Research Program Agency project called the AlohaNet, which was part of the foundation for the Internet.

He is currently active in diversity and stimulating interest in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) amongst K-12 students by serving as Vice Chairman of the board for the Foundation for Fairfax County Public Schools, serving on the Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology advisory board where he was the recipient of the 2013 “Tommy” Award in recognition of his contributions, supporting the Air Force Association’s Cyber Patriot National High School Cyber Defense Competition presented by Northrop Grumman and mentoring many high potential technologists and college/high school interns throughout his career. In addition, his Asian Pacific Professional Network Employee Resource Group is very active in various Fairfax County and DC STEM initiatives supporting middle and high schools.