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Sonal Deshpande (Sonnie) is currently the Vice President of Engineering, Manufacturing and Logistics (EM&L) for the ISR&T Division. Ms. Deshpande's team is responsible for all the EM&L activity in support of ISR&T System Programs.

Ms. Deshpande joined the corporation as a hardware design engineer in 1986 and was responsible for digital processor design, test and delivery in support of various government programs. In 1999, she was appointed Program Manager and in 2003, served as Programs Director of a US Army helicopter program. In 2004, she was appointed Business Area Director of the USAF B-1 Programs and had business area and program management responsibility for the Development and Sustainment programs for the B-1 AN/APQ-169 Radar System. In 2007, Ms Deshpande was Business Area Director of Classified Advanced Technology Programs and in 2008 she was appointed Program Director of the S-Band Cobra Judy Replacement Program. In this role, Ms Deshpande had leadership and program management responsibility for the delivery of the CJR S-Band Antenna.

In 2011 Ms. Deshpande was appointed Vice President of ES Logistics Services and was responsible for a comprehensive logistics services strategy that aligns product support and investment strategies to strengthen enterprise performance, customer satisfaction, and shareholder value. She had responsibility for the Logistics Homeroom, consisting of Logistics Systems Engineering, Logistics Program Management, Field Engineering, Technical Publications and Training, and Operations and Repair.

In 2012 Ms. Deshpande was appointed Vice President of Advanced Maritime and IAMD Systems, Ms. Deshpande was responsible for the sector's advanced Maritime and IAMD solutions focused on innovation, affordable and open architecture concepts to grow and penetrate adjacencies in the maritime electronics and IAMD markets.

Ms. Deshpande received her Bachelor's of Science in Electrical Engineering from University of Maryland, College Park in 1986. She completed her Master's of Electrical Engineering degree in 1992 from the Johns Hopkins University School of Engineering. Additionally, she has completed the Harvard Business School General Management Program and various program management and leadership training at Northrop Grumman.

Ms. Deshpande is involved with mentoring middle and high school students through programs which encourage students to pursue a career in Science, Math, Engineering and Technology. She is an advisory board member for the University of Maryland, College Park, Electrical and Computer Engineering department. She also serves as a board member for ProjectPlase, a non-profit organization to fight homelessness in Baltimore, MD and the Maryland Science Center.

Ms Deshpande resides in Sykesville, Maryland with her husband, Ashish, and has a son, Nik, 23 and a daughter, Serena, 21.

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