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Steve began his DHS career in December 2005 as an Acquisition and Technical Program Management subject matter expert at the Domestic Nuclear Detection Office. Three years later in April 2009, he joined the ranks of the federal team in the DHS S&T Program Executive Office for Counter Improvised Explosive Devices (PEO CIED) as the Director for Program Integration and deputy to the PEO.

In late 2010, Steve served as the Deputy Director of Research and Development Partnerships Group (RDP) where he assisted the Director to leverage the billions of dollars in assets and the expertise of more than 1,400 team members through the group’s investments in national labs, universities, international partners, the private sector, and government interagency partners to develop technologies and products for the Homeland Security Enterprise (HSE).

In 2011, Steve was appointed to serve as the Deputy Director of Research and Development Partnerships Group along with simultaneously performing the duties of Director of Private Public Partnerships. As Director of Private Public Partnerships, he oversaw six offices (Commercialization, Long Range Broad Agency, Technology Foraging, SAFETY Act, Small Business Innovation Research, and Small Business Technology Transfer).

In 2015, Steve became the Senior Technical Advisor to the Director of the First Responders Group in DHS S&T and Director of FRG Special Projects. He managed the first ever Prize Competition for DHS S&T and developed FRG’s first two Partnership Intermediary Agreements with Wilmington and New Orleans. He is the overall lead for all matters related to Unmanned Aerial Systems for FRG and assists all FRG program managers with all business and contracting matters.

Steve is retired from the U.S. Navy as a captain after 24 years of service. During his navy career, he served in the surface and aviation communities, the acquisition and logistics communities, and in the science and engineering community. His final position was Deputy Technical Director at the Office of Naval Research in Arlington. Steve's qualifications/certifications included Surface Warfare Officer, Naval Flight Officer, Aerospace Engineering Duty Officer, DAWIA Level III certification in Acquisition Program Management and in Systems Planning Research Development, Test and Evaluation (Science and Technology), and Contracting Officer Representative Level III.

Steve has a master's degree in Aeronautical Science from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University and a bachelor's degree in Aerospace Engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology.