



Dr. Seth Harvey

[Bluestaq LLC](#)

Dr. Seth Harvey is the Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Bluestaq, an enterprise software company specializing in secure data management platforms for the Department of Defense and Intelligence Community with contracts in excess of \$300M. Dr. Harvey is strategically focused on the long-term vision and growth of Bluestaq. Prior to Bluestaq, Dr. Harvey was Vice President of Space Operations for Intelligent Software Solutions, Inc., where he was responsible for its space programs portfolio of over \$100M in new contracts. He also led research and development programs as an Aerospace Engineer at the Air Force Research Laboratory, Space Vehicles Directorate. Additionally, Dr. Harvey serves on the Colorado Workforce Development Council, Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce and EDC Board of Directors, Pikes Peak Workforce Center Development Board, Colorado Springs Downtown Partnership Board of Directors, and Catalyst Campus Board of Directors.

Bluestaq was founded on the singular objective of becoming an industry-leading technology company setting the pace for innovation as we deliver cutting-edge solutions to our customers' most challenging projects. While technically, software experts – Bluestaq is also an enterprise solution architects, data engineers and a world class development team. They bring leading-edge experience in all aspects of data management, analytics, security, and administration. Bluestaq is as proficient with emerging federal and commercial cloud-hosted solutions as they are with privately hosted service-oriented architectures. They have successfully developed new systems, converted legacy systems to modern architectures, and deployed accredited enterprise systems on a variety of classified government networks. Their analytic strengths include a variety of control theories, software optimization, advanced mathematical modeling, and artificial intelligence techniques.



Kathy Boe
[Boecore, Inc.](#)

Kathy Boe, founder, and CEO of Boecore, Inc., is an award-winning entrepreneur, engineer, and leader who has worked in support of the Department of Defense for 25+ years. Kathy's career began at Hughes Aircraft, where she worked as a Software Programmer. In 2000, after several years of experience within the defense engineering industry, Kathy decided to start her own business and launched Boecore.

Throughout the past 21 years, Boecore has expanded far beyond its original office space to a successful Aerospace and Defense Engineering Solutions Company providing mission-critical capabilities to an extensive list of defense customers. Kathy has led the company to receive numerous industry awards as well as becoming one of the top three defense companies in 2020 rated by Colorado Springs Business Journal. Alongside several Top Supplier awards from Northrop Grumman, Boecore also won the Colorado Springs Chamber and EDC's Company of the Year award in 2013. Kathy was named Business Leader of the Year from Southern Colorado Women's Chamber of Commerce and received the Colorado Springs Entrepreneur of the Year award in 2009. Most recently Kathy was named an Honorary Commander at the United States Air Force Academy. She currently serves as a Trustee for the Colorado Thirty Group, the National Cybersecurity Center, and the Colorado Springs Health Foundation.

Boecore is an aerospace and defense engineering company that specializes in software solutions, systems engineering, cybersecurity, enterprise networks, and mission operations. Since the company's inception in 2000, Boecore's employee-centric approach, rich work culture, and drive to go above and beyond expectations have earned the company a reputation as a trusted partner for the various government customers they work alongside. At Boecore, their people make them great and that has become their standard. Boecore's 275-plus workforce is located across the United States. Worksites include their corporate headquarters in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and regional offices in Huntsville, Alabama and Roy, Utah, as well as site operations in New Mexico, California, and the National Capital Region (NCR).



Jennifer Halford

[Caliola Engineering](#)

Jennifer Halford founded Caliola Engineering in 2019 following a nearly 20-year career in the defense industry. Her exceptional leadership was recognized in 2014 by Aviation Week as one of the “Top 40 Under 40” rising stars of the aerospace industry. The following year, The Aerospace Corporation named Jennifer their “Woman of the Year.” Using the same qualities that won those accolades, strong technical leadership and a smart and fearless approach to business, Jennifer created Caliola, a company that would quickly be recognized for its impact on the industry and Colorado. In less than two years, Caliola grew from a startup to a second stage company which raised over \$10.5 million. This impressive beginning resulted in Caliola Engineering winning “Colorado Company to Watch” in 2021. Building upon this early success, Jennifer strives to provide innovative solutions for secure and assured communication. UCLA Anderson School of Business, M.B.A., 2013 UCLA, M.Sc. in Computer Science, 2001 UCLA, B.Sc. in Computer Science and B.A. in Business Economics, 1999

Caliola is a 100% Woman Owned Small Business Headquartered in Colorado Springs, CO. Caliola provides superior technical products and services to enable assured, secure communications for austere environments through our expertise in wireless communications, protected MILSATCOM, software defined radio, and machine learning.



Dawn Conley

[Catalyst Campus for Technology & Innovation-](#)

As the Director of Growth and Marketing of the Catalyst Campus enterprise, Dawn and her team work on strategic expansion efforts, grants, funding and the consistency of the brand, market analysis and market strategy.

Prior to working for CCTI, Dawn was the Special Assistant to Mayor John Suthers, City of Colorado Springs, and lead the following initiatives: Mayor's Military Liaison, Olympic City USA, Mayor's Civic Leaders Fellowship. Dawn has worked for two Fortune 100 companies (GE and CIGNA) both domestically and internationally, as well as several startups and ran her own consulting company. She is firmly entrenched in the community, and volunteers her time for several philanthropies, is the President of the Philharmonic Guild and as a military spouse, has led many initiatives and helped pass legislation for military spouses with unemployment and underemployment issues.

Dawn holds a bachelor's degree in Economics from the Ohio State University and has won several awards for her contributions to the community including recognition and an award from Fort Carson. In addition to the economic development of the companies and communities that she has been a part of, Dawn also has a keen interest in public service and volunteerism.

In 2015, the O'Neil Group Company purchased a three-building campus focused on the old Santa Fe Railroad Depot in Eastern Downtown Colorado Springs. Between renovation, expansion, and a vision to bring small business, academia, and government together to solve real problems, the Catalyst Campus has become a thriving environment for technological advancement and the delivery of capability to the Air Force and Space Force. The Catalyst Campus has supported the growth of the downtown Colorado Springs economy to the tune of over 1,000 employees and \$270M in economic impact from a combined direct, indirect, and induced effect on the economy according to a recent study.



Emma Przbyslawski

[Dare Venture Group](#)

Emma Przbyslawski is the CEO and Co-Founder of Dare, a Woman & Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned small business. Emma's career started as an Air Force special operations intelligence officer working first in the counterdrug mission and eventually global kinetic drone operations. She transitioned from active duty to the technology industry and over time found her passion for continuing to serve by bringing innovative technologies to the Department of Defense and other US government agencies. Before starting

Dare, Emma served as the director of air, space and defense programs at Gartner and worked as a strategic partner to various Air Force and Space Force organizations. She was also a founder of a small business which represented a portfolio of technologies that could provide DoD benefits outside of traditional program execution and ecosystems.

Emma is a lifelong Colorado Springs frequenter and graduated from the United States Air Force Academy with a Bachelor of Science in Foreign Area Studies with minors in French and Chinese. She also earned her Master of Arts in Intelligence Studies from American Military University. She is a Bronze Star recipient for her efforts in combat in Iraq, and a current Board Director for the United States Air Force Academy's Association of Graduates.

Dare is a solution integrator "light" focused on bringing together top mission expertise and innovative technologies to deliver warfighter capabilities. We create an operating environment that fosters innovation and agility to solve our clients toughest mission challenges in the areas of sensor integration, data analytics, and rapid, secure data transport for intelligence use cases.



Mark Stafford

[Delta Solutions and Strategies](#)

Mark Stafford is the President and CEO of Delta Solutions and Strategies, a Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business headquartered in Colorado Springs. Mr. Stafford has over 20 years of experience in the aerospace industry, serving on Active Duty in the Air Force, the AF Reserves and in commercial industry. Mr. Stafford received his B.A. in History and Minor in Economics from

Tulane University and received his MBA with an emphasis in Information Systems from the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs.

Mr. Stafford began his career in the Air Force as a space operator and transitioned to the AF Reserves in 1998. After Active Duty, Mr. Stafford worked at the Aerospace Corporation supporting multiple DoD and commercial space programs as a Technical Advisor and Source Selection Advisor. Mr. Stafford next spent over ten years at Booz Allen Hamilton as a technical consultant and manager in various leadership positions. Mr. Stafford was responsible for the business development, marketing, and management of teams that supported the DoD, NASA and other National clients. Mr. Stafford is currently serving at the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Space Acquisition and Integration (SAF/SQ) in his AF Reserve capacity. Previously he was the Reserve Advisor to the Chief of Current Operations, Headquarters Air Force Space Command and the Commander of the 7th Space Operations Squadron at Schriever Air Force Base. Mr. Stafford served two tours in the Middle East and has held positions in Acquisition, RDT&E, Joint Staff, Space Control, and Space Operations.

Delta Solutions & Strategies, LLC was established in 2000. Delta Solutions saw the need for innovation in the US government workplaces to ease the burden on our warfighters. They know the hardship of duty because many of us served and continue to serve in the uniformed services. Delta Solutions is a Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business with the tools, experience, and workforce to help customers spend more time focusing on what you do best. The Delta Solutions team brings years of experience and leading-edge applications to government organizations. Delta Solutions strives to help customers achieve excellence while accomplishing their mission.



Greg Sharp

[Jacobs Missile Defense Group](#)

Greg Sharp is the Vice President and General Manager of Jacobs Missile Defense Group, and Deputy Program Manager for the Integrated Research & Development Enterprise Solutions (IRES) contract. IRES is a \$4.6B, eight-year contract that supports concurrent testing, training and operations conducted by the Missile Defense Agency with engineering, test planning and execution, information technology, and facility operations and maintenance.

Greg's background is based in software engineering, broadened through program management and business development roles. He has worked primarily in the DoD sector, with experience in Retail, PetroChemical, and Engineering and Construction (E&C). Greg grew up in Little Rock, AR and attended Florida State University (FSU) in Tallahassee, FL. He received a degree in Management Information Systems from the FSU College of Business.

Jacobs is the prime contractor for the Missile Defense Agency's (MDA's) Integrated Research & Development for Enterprise Solutions (IRES) contract, providing integrated solutions to support the concurrent test, training, and operations of our nation's missile defense systems. This work is accomplished at several MDA locations to include the Missile Defense Integration and Operations Center (MDIOC) on Schriever Space Force Base in Colorado Springs, Colorado, the Von Braun Complex on Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama, and the National Capital Region (NCR) in Washington D.C.



Frank Backes

[Kratos Defense](#)

Frank Backes is the Senior Vice President of Kratos SATCOM Products and Federal Satellite Solutions. Mr. Backes joined Kratos in January 2017 and has spent 30+ years in the satellite and command & control industries. Mr. Backes was most recently Chief Executive Officer for Braxton Technologies LLC and Braxton Science and Technology Group, LLC, leading manufacturers of command-and-control software for intelligence, military and commercial applications based in Colorado Springs, CO. He is an industry thought leader and technology pioneer, recognized for innovating high-yield solutions that expand organizational capability, product portfolios and market presence. Mr. Backes is a noted industry speaker for innovative technologies and company brands delivering professional-level presentations with extensive tradeshow and large industry event experience. He was recognized with the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year award in 2009 for achievements in the aerospace industry. Mr. Backes serves on the board of directors for Modern Technology Solutions Inc. (MTSI), the advisory board for the University of Colorado Boulder Aerospace Engineering Sciences Department, and the Colorado Space Business Roundtable. He received a BSEE in Semiconductor Physics from the University of California at San Diego along with minors in communications/marketing and computer hardware.

Kratos Defense & Security Solutions, Inc. (NASDAQ:KTOS) develops and fields transformative, affordable technology, platforms, and systems for United States National Security related customers, allies, and commercial enterprises. Kratos is changing the way breakthrough technology for these industries are rapidly brought to market through proven commercial and venture capital-backed approaches, including proactive research and streamlined development processes. Kratos specializes in unmanned systems, satellite communications, cybersecurity/warfare, microwave electronics, missile defense, hypersonic systems, training, and combat systems. Kratos maintains several key contract vehicles and task orders for the federal government. Kratos is widely recognized as a highly visible player among the leading government contractors for the quality of our work, our skilled professionals, and technicians, as well as our partnerships and long-term customer relationships.



Dr. Shawn Murray

[Murray Security Services](#)

Shawn Murray is President and Chief Academic Officer at Murray Security Services and is assigned to the United States Missile Defense Agency. He is assigned as a Senior Cyber Security Professional and is an officer in the US Civil Air Patrol. His previous assignments include work with the US Army Cyber Command in Europe, US Air Force and with Commercial Industry in various roles in Information Assurance and Cyber Security. He has traveled the globe performing physical and Cyber Security assessments on critical national defense and coalition programs and has prepared reports for the House Armed Services Committee. Dr. Murray has worked with NSA, FBI, CIA and the US Defense and State Departments on various Cyber initiatives and has over 20 years of IT, communications, and Cyber Security experience. He has presented as a featured or keynote speaker for numerous conferences across the globe and enjoys teaching and presenting as a guest lecturer on Cyber Security, business, and computer science courses at his Cyber Academy and for several universities. He has several industry recognized certifications to include the C|CISO, CISSP and CRISC. He holds several degrees to include an Applied Doctorate in Computer Science with a concentration in Enterprise Information Systems.

Murray Security Services is a Colorado Springs based Information and Cyber Security, Environmental, Safety and Systems Engineering company serving clients across the globe. MSS has two primary lines of business: professional training & certification and business consulting. Our customers range from many small businesses locally to large international corporations and federal, state & county governments. We provide custom training curriculum and design courses for clients in areas of information technology, cyber security awareness, environmental management, and safety.



Dennis Roark

[Terra Ferma](#)

Dennis Roark has more than 25 years of experience in the telecommunications industry, beginning with seven years of service with the U.S. Army. He has a history as a strong leader, problem-solver, and project manager. He has been responsible for multimillion dollar budgets and has delivered consistent results: solving business issues while managing costs and risks, increasing revenue, and achieving profitability in entrepreneurial ventures.

Terra Ferma is a Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business, a status awarded through the Small Business Administration and Veterans Administration. An industry leading Original Design Manufacturer (ODM) that provides Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) of Rugged!+™ power and communications products. Terra Ferma specializes in rapidly prototyping ODM & OEM solutions advanced engineering and manufacturing solutions for rapid new product development and fast time to market. In the ODM space, they provide fully functional, cost effective, and tested/certified products.



Rob Quirk

Rob Quirk is an Emmy award-winning broadcast journalist. He has been the primary weeknight news anchor at News5 for more than 30 years. Rob says that he is honored and humbled to have been able to bring the most important stories of the day to our News5 viewers, to act as an advocate for them, and work with them, in developing a partnership and relationship that has kept News5 the number one source of news for all of Southern Colorado.

He has been involved with the production and reporting of many important and historic stories and events across Southern Colorado since 1989. His anchoring, reporting, and producing have won numerous awards with the Colorado Broadcasters Association and the Associated Press. Including a one-on-one interview with President Obama at the White House, the Waldo Canyon and Black Forest wildfires, summer of 2013 flash flooding, the Emmy Award for his coverage of the Aurora theater massacre, he also covered Columbine, and the federal trial of Oklahoma City bombing suspect, Timothy McVeigh, among many others.

Rob is also very involved in numerous causes across Southern Colorado that are very close to his heart, most notably, the Multiple Sclerosis Society Walks in Colorado Springs and Pueblo, which have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for those families struggling with M-S.

Rob was awarded Broadcast Citizen of the Year, in 2000, by the Colorado Broadcasters Association, for all of his volunteer and community service work.

Rob has been in the television news business for more than forty years and is a graduate of Arizona State University with a degree in Broadcast Journalism.



Robert Beletic

Robert Beletic was recently named the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade's (OEDIT) new Aerospace and Defense Industry Manager. This position is instrumental in helping Colorado maintain its standing as a top tier economy and a leader in the aerospace industry.

Beletic, who is a retired Air Force general and highly decorated, combat-proven commander and fighter pilot, has over 25 years of senior executive experience in all aspects of strategy, operations, and financial management for governmental and private organizations. That has included a wide range of strategic military and defense roles, including Strategist for the UAE Ministry of Defense, Director of Operations for the Canadian Air Force, and Commander of a USAF Fighter Wing.

As Aerospace and Defense Industry Manager, Beletic will connect, convene, and build trusting relationships between all sectors of the ecosystem, including federal, state, and local governments, research and development institutions, investors, trade associations, and the general public. He will also support Lt. Gov. Dianne Primavera in her role as the National Chair of the Aerospace States Association and the co-chair of the Colorado Space Coalition. Beletic's work will be vital for Colorado to address the industry's unique and complex need to integrate national security, civil, and commercial space infrastructure and actors into our aerospace and defense-focused economic development efforts.

Beletic graduated from the Air Force Academy with a BS Aeronautical Engineering. He has since added a Master of Public Administration, Master of Aeronautical Science, and most recently in 2015, a Master of Finance from University of Denver. He and his wife Anne have three children and are expecting their first grandchild in August.