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Mark began his career in 1985 with Lockheed Missiles and Space Company as a Mechanical Design Engineer in Sunnyvale, CA. He progressed through increasing levels of responsibility while designing structures and mechanisms for classified programs, Iridium satellites, IKONOS, and the Space-Based Infrared System (SBIRS).

In 1999, Mark was promoted to Senior Manager of Solar Array Products and later to Director of the Solar Array and Mechanisms Product Center.

More recently, Mark served as a Program Director for classified programs. During his tenure, he had responsibility for design, analysis and manufacturing of programs that delivered new, breakthrough capabilities. From 2004 through 2008, he brought on line 300,000 square feet of new classified factories that operated around the clock.

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