



DIRECTOR OF ENGAGEMENT, BRIAN D. BLACKWELL
NAVAL SURFACE WARFARE CENTER, CRANE DIVISION
NAVAL SEA SYSTEMS COMMAND



Mr. Blackwell began his career at General Motors Corporation. He held positions in production engineering and manufacturing within the Central Foundry Division of GM. Mr. Blackwell entered public service at Crane in 1987 and was assigned project engineering responsibility for development and acquisition of navigation, command and control systems for the Navy's Avenger class Mine Countermeasures ships.

In 1992, he assumed his first role as Division Manager for the Advanced Combat Systems Division. Over the next decade, Mr. Blackwell managed a series of Divisions including Mine Countermeasures Engineering, Component Engineering, Systems Engineering and Expeditionary Warfare Systems.

Mr. Blackwell has been a member of Crane's Executive Leadership Team since 2003. He has served as Deputy Executive Director and as the Director of the Mission Support Services Department, Electronics Development Department, Global Deterrence & Defense Department and the Applied Science Department.

In March 2013, Mr. Blackwell was selected as the Director of Engagement. Mr. Blackwell is staffed to the Technical Director and is responsible for leveraging opportunities to build state, regional and national relationships with government, industry, academia and the communities.

Mr. Blackwell holds a Bachelors Degree in Mechanical Engineering from General Motors Institute (now Kettering University), a Masters Degree in Public Administration from the School of Public and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University and an Executive Certificate in Strategy and Innovation from the Sloan School of Management at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

He is a member and past President of the Crane Chapter of the Federal Managers Association and member and past Vice Chairman of the Southern Indiana Section of the American Society of Naval Engineers. He is a member of the Acquisition Professional Community and has completed Level III DAWIA certification in Systems Planning, Research, Development and Engineering.