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Biographical Information

Mr. Dennis Powell (Denny as he is known by most) has an extensive background as an NSA civilian that spans almost 30 years. After serving 2 tours in the US air Force, he left the military to pursue a career with NSA. He served in a wide variety of technical and managerial positions. He managed the Information Technology Division responsible for engineering and development for NSAs’ corporate WAN and LANs. He was responsible for a highly technical division providing networks system engineering and associated services. The division contained over 100 civilian, military and contractor personnel responsible for architectural design, standards, technology and product selection for all network services. Additional he his division was responsible for performance services; developing performance management and monitoring network services and using performance metrics to drive changes as needed. In this position his duties included collaborating with other NSC partners within DOD, IC, and foreign communications providers to ensure technical plans are compatible with overarching local and global developments. Prior to that he was the Technical Director IT Operations he evaluated system acquisition plans and programs to determine their technical impact the organization and provide guidance and feedback to the originators. He oversaw implementation activities and investigated new technologies to determine their benefit to the organization. He served as mentor and advisor to division personnel in areas related to training and career growth. In this position he was one of the developers and architects for the NSANet Concept of Operations, which was the template for the RSOC infrastructure support concept.

After leaving the government Mr. Powell was recruited by CSC to serve as the Director of Networks for the GROUNDBREAKER program which was one of the largest outsourcing initiatives pursued by NSA to date.He was responsible for all maintenance, implementation and operations of the External Service Provider networks for NSA. Initiatives included designing the organizational structure to meet service level agreement requirements, hiring needed skill sets, developing processes and procedures, managing workforce of over 150 personnel who worked 7/24.

In September 2004 Mr. Powell established Island Information Technology Consultants initially performing consulting services to AT&T and Northrop Grumman. Since that time the company has enjoyed a steady growth, serving in a variety of Information Technology support functions on different government contracts.

Denny is a husband, father and grandfather, who enjoys fishing, golf and the company of his family and friends.