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Steve Cortese is the Executive Vice President for Washington Operations at Leonardo DRS. The Washington Operations function is responsible for U.S. Government relations, legislative affairs, international business strategy and corporate planning for DRS. As part of Leonardo DRS, Steve and the Washington Operations team support shared services agreements with the Leonardo companies in North America.

Prior to joining Leonardo DRS, Steve served as Senior Vice President for Government Relations and Corporate Communications at ATK, an aerospace, defense and commercial products company. He was responsible for all company activities in Washington, D.C., including Congressional and Pentagon relations, leading the company's pursuit of Department of Defense and NASA business and helping shape its international business strategy. Steve also led ATK Corporate Communications and was the primary interface with supply chain partners and major prime contractors in Washington. From 2003 to 2006, Steve was Vice President, Programs and Budgets, in the Washington Operations office of Lockheed Martin.

Before entering the private sector, Steve had an extensive career on Capitol Hill. From 1986 to 2003, he worked as a professional staff member of the Defense Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee, which is responsible for oversight and funding of the Department of Defense and the Intelligence Community. During his tenure, Steve served as Staff Director for the Defense Subcommittee and the full Appropriations Committee, working closely with the House and Senate leadership and the Executive Branch.

Steve is a graduate of the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Foreign Service.

Steve resides in Annapolis, MD with his wife Eileen and they have two children.