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Craig Johnston is the Director Business Strategy and Development for Lockheed Martin's renowned "Skunk Works". "Skunk Works" is the Advanced Development business area responsible for all the new, emerging and advanced research, development and prototyping for the Aeronautics Company. Craig is responsible for the portfolio of Advanced Programs in Autonomous Systems, Commercial Initiatives, Air Mobility and Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance capabilities.

Mr. Johnston has over 33 years of professional experience in the pursuit, capture and execution of highly complex multi-team projects ranging from conceptual design, prototype development, full scale development and advanced flight demonstration. Past assignments have included the Defense Advanced Research Agency (DARPA) Falcon Hypersonic (greater than 20 times the speed of sound) Technology Vehicle flight demonstration effort. He has led numerous classified weapon system developments. Mr. Johnston served as the Lockheed Martin Program Director for NASA's ambitious Single-Stage-to-Orbit Advanced Technology Demonstrator called the X-33. Mr. Johnston started his career in an engineering position on the YF-22/F-22 Advanced Tactical Fighter program.

He is a 1983 graduate of the University of Colorado, Boulder with a degree in Aerospace Engineering. He has continued his education with course work at the Defense Acquisition University, and numerous Lockheed Martin Management Institutes.

Craig and his wife Rebecca grew up in a small town in the mountains of Colorado, and now reside in Valencia California.