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Mark L. Mele is Senior Vice President, Corporate Strategy for Alliant Techsystems (ATK), a premier aerospace and defense company with more than 18,000 employees and revenue in excess of \$4.7 billion.

Mark began his career in 1979 with Hercules Aerospace Company, a division of Hercules Inc. in Magna, Utah, where he held a series of accounting, finance, and planning positions. In 1988, he transferred to Hercules corporate headquarters in Wilmington, Delaware, to take over responsibility for strategic planning and business development for Hercules Aerospace Company. His accountabilities included market research, business planning, and new product development.

Mark was Manager, New Product Development, for Hercules Aerospace Company when the company was acquired by ATK in 1995. Following the acquisition, he was named Director of Business Planning for ATK.

In 1998, Mark was appointed Vice President, Strategic Planning, with responsibility for business planning, market analysis, strategic assessment, and mergers and acquisitions. He was named Vice President, Investor Relations and Strategic Planning, the following year, and Vice President, Corporate Strategy and Investor Relations, in 2001. He was promoted to Senior Vice President in 2004.

A native of Salt Lake City, Utah, Mark holds a Bachelor's degree in finance from Tulane University and a Master's degree in management from the Georgia Institute of Technology.

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