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A decorated leader in the military who served for 24 years, Mark C. Williams retired from the U.S. Air Force as a Colonel in 2013 – at which point he began what would be an accomplished career at Sierra Nevada Corporation, a renowned aerospace and national security contractor specializing in innovative advanced technology solutions for aircraft. He began as its Director of Business Development from 2013 to 2015 before advancing to Senior Director of Business Development for a year, serving as Vice President of Aviation of Strategic Plans and Programs from 2017 to 2021, and ultimately ascending to the role of Senior Vice President of Strategy in 2021. In this capacity, he is responsible for the indirect budget for the largest business area of the organization; setting strategic direction in terms of investments made in Internal Research and Development (IRAD), proposal pursuits, and marketing money.

Since joining Sierra Nevada Corporation, Mr. Williams considers his most notable achievement to be establishing the Aviation Innovation & Technology Center at the Dayton International Airport. The first 100,000-square-foot facility opened in December 2022. The second facility is currently under construction and will be open in 2024. This center opens up a multi-billion-dollar market to Sierra Nevada Corporation and can support the largest of aviation projects. The center makes Sierra Nevada the first company to restore aviation production and modification capability in Dayton since the Wright-Brothers.