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Northrop Grumman Promotes Bob Blackwell to Director of Contracts and Pricing

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. – April 6, 2005 – Northrop Grumman Corporation’s (NYSE: NOC) Newport News sector has promoted Bob Blackwell to director of contracts and pricing effective immediately. He is responsible for contracting, estimating and negotiating all activity associated with the ship repair and fleet support organizations and is also responsible for estimating and negotiating changes to the original contracts for all aircraft carrier new construction and overhaul, and naval and commercial ship repair. He reports to Tom Johnston, vice president of Contracts and Pricing at Northrop Grumman Newport News.

Blackwell most recently served as the business manager for the aircraft carrier new construction program. He began his career with Newport News in 1974 and has held a number of management positions including, carrier fleet support business manager, subcontract manager, marketing manager and ship repair estimator.

“Bob brings a wealth of experience to this position,” said Johnston. “His expertise, education and overall shipyard knowledge is invaluable to our organization.”

Blackwell earned a bachelor’s degree and a master’s degree in business administration from Old Dominion University. He is also a graduate of the Defense Systems Management College’s program manager’s course. He resides in Newport News.

Northrop Grumman Newport News, headquartered in Newport News, Va., is the nation's sole designer, builder and refueler of nuclear-powered aircraft carriers and one of only two companies capable of designing and building nuclear-powered submarines. Newport News also provides after-market services for a wide array of naval and commercial vessels. The Newport News sector employs about 19,000 people.

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