

Mr. Robert N. McFarland
Bachelor of Science, Business Management, 1993

Mr. Robert N. McFarland graduated from LeTourneau University and earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Management in 1993. An esteemed information and technology professional, his career encompasses both the government and commercial sectors, with executive experience in numerous domestic and international enterprises.

President George W. Bush nominated Mr. McFarland to serve as Assistant Secretary for Information and Technology (IT) in the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in 2003. Mr. McFarland, a Vietnam veteran, was confirmed by the U.S. Senate in January 2004 and served through April 2006 as the department's Chief Information Officer, advising the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on all IT systems acquisition and management affairs.

Prior to his appointment, Mr. McFarland served as Vice President of Government Relations for Dell Computer Corporation. After joining Dell in 1996 as Vice President and General Manager of the federal business segment, he held several senior executive positions in which he managed the company's global segment, large corporate accounts and government sector. Under his leadership, Dell became the number one supplier of computer systems to the federal government. Mr. McFarland was named one of the 1998 "Federal 100" – a joint government and industry award designating the top 100 executives in the federal marketplace.

Mr. McFarland has also served as a Senior Vice President for the Cerplex Group, Inc., of Southern California, a provider of outsourcing for electronics repair and distribution, and Vice President of the Asia Pacific and Middle East regions of AST Research, Inc. In October, Austin, Texas-based CSIdentity named Mr. McFarland to its Board of Directors. CSIdentity is a leading identity theft protection agency whose clients include the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. He also serves as a Director of Ezenia, a leading provider of real-time collaboration solutions.

Robert enjoys college football, fly fishing and snow skiing. He and his wife, Susan, reside in Austin, Texas and are the proud parents of three grown children.