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Based in El Segundo, Calif., the Strike and Surveillance Systems Division has additional sites in San Bernardino, San Diego, and Palmdale, Calif.; Moss Point, Miss.; Huntsville, Ala.; Fairfax, Va.; Clearfield, Utah; Johnstown, Penn.; New Town, N.D.; Boulder and Colorado Springs, Colo.; and at Whiteman Air Force Base (AFB) Mo.; Tinker AFB, Okla., and Hill AFB, Utah.

The Strike and Surveillance Systems Division includes programs in tactical and long-range strike aircraft systems, unmanned systems, and missile systems. These programs include the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter, RQ-4 Global Hawk unmanned reconnaissance system, B-2 stealth bomber, F/A-18 Super Hornet strike fighter, ICBM prime integration contract, Kinetic Energy Interceptor (KEI) missile system, MQ-8B Fire Scout vertical unmanned aircraft system, Multi-Platform Radar Technology Insertion Program, and aerial targets. The division also works on a number of advanced development programs to offer innovative future solutions that meet emerging customer needs.

During his more than 20 years with Northrop Grumman, Dufresne has held a variety of key positions, most recently as sector vice president of the Eastern Region and Western Region business elements of the former Integrated Systems sector. He has also served as vice president for the Airborne Early Warning and Electronic Warfare business unit, vice president and deputy for Air Combat Systems (ACS), and vice president and Long Range Strike program manager at the Integrated Systems sector.

His earlier service included 11 years on the B-2 program as manager of Flight Line and Delivery Operations and vice president of Operations at the company's site in Palmdale, Calif. Dufresne also served as vice president of Operations and Quality for ACS, and program manager on the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter program, and vice president for Unmanned Systems.

Dufresne holds a bachelor of science degree in aeronautical engineering from the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs and a master of business administration degree from the University of West Florida. He is a 1995 graduate of Harvard's Program for Management Development.

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