INCOSE Honors Mark Schaeffer with Distinguished Founders Award
Recipient Recognized for Significant Contributions in Leadership and Organizational Development

SAN DIEGO (August 2, 2016) – The [International Council on Systems Engineering](#) (INCOSE) has honored Mark Schaeffer with its Founders Award for his outstanding contributions to the organization.

"At INCOSE, each year we look for one distinguished member who has made a major contribution to our organization," said INCOSE President Alan Harding. "This year, we are pleased to honour Mark Schaeffer as a major advocate of INCOSE within the government and private sectors."

As a Corporate Advisory Board member representing the U.S. Department of Defense, from 1998-1999 and 2003-2008, Schaeffer fostered a mutually beneficial relationship between the DoD and INCOSE. Schaeffer supported INCOSE's strategic efforts to build a long-term relationship with DoD and secured INCOSE's participation in the DoD Systems Engineering Forum as one of only three industry representatives. In addition, Schaeffer has represented ManTech International on the Corporate Advisory Board since 2009, continuing to support INCOSE initiatives from the private sector.

Schaeffer is currently vice president and chief systems engineer with ManTech International, a provider of advanced engineering and technological services to the U.S. government. At ManTech, Schaeffer is leading contracts providing system acquisition, program management and engineering support to U.S. Customs and Border Protection, as well as research and development support to the U.S. Army Research Laboratory/Customs and Border Protection Office of Intelligence. Prior to his position with ManTech International, Mark served in several pivotal, senior executive positions in the U.S. Department of Defense including director of systems and software engineering.

Schaeffer was presented with the Founders Award at INCOSE International Symposium, the organization's annual flagship event for systems engineers worldwide, July 18 to 21 in Edinburgh, Scotland.

About the International Council on Systems Engineering (INCOSE)
The International Council on Systems Engineering (INCOSE) is a not-for-profit membership organization that promotes international collaboration in systems engineering practice, education and research. INCOSE's mission is to "share, promote and advance the best of systems engineering from across the globe for the benefit of humanity and the planet." Founded in 1990, INCOSE hosts more than 70 chapters and over 10,000 members worldwide.

INCOSE is the global source for systems engineering knowledge. It establishes industry standards, elevates the profession of systems engineering and offers a [certification](#) program to formally recognize the knowledge and experience of industry professionals. The organization also produces a range of products, publications and events, including the Systems Engineering Handbook and International Symposium.

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