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With over 35 years of experience in the Department of Defense in the operational, business management, and acquisition portfolio, as well as over 4 years of business development experience with industry clients, Dan's expertise includes strategy development and implementation, the acquisition processes from R&D to sustainment, and prioritization and capture of Department of Defense opportunities.

Before joining Cypress International in 2018, Dan served at all levels in the Department of Defense organizations and was previously a Program Executive Officer, the Deputy Commander of the NATO Training Mission in Afghanistan, and the Director for Test for the Missile Defense Agency. As a PEO, he was responsible for leading a team that budgeted, developed, produced, and fielded space and terrestrial networks, mission command systems, and cryptological equipment to warfighters. As the Deputy Commander of the NATO Training Mission in Afghanistan, he was responsible for leading the team that budgeted and fielded all the systems and capabilities needed to build and maintain the Afghan National Army and Police Force. As the Director for Test, he was responsible for the live and simulated testing of the Ballistic Missile Defense of the United States.

Dan's training and education includes Department of Defense acquisition program management and testing certifications, as well as an MS in Resource Management in National Security Strategy from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, an MBA and an MIS from Oklahoma City University, and a BA from the University of Texas at Arlington.

Dan and Kathy have been married for 39 years and have two adult Hokie children married to two other Hokies that have not produced any grandchildren.....yet... Kathy does babysit her grand dogs, Jax and Taz, and her grand cat, Bernie.