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Chris Haider is vice president for strategy and business development for the Land & Air Systems Line of Business (LOB) at General Dynamics Mission Systems. Chris has over 25 years in the aerospace and defense industry and brings a wealth of experience in both business and technical leadership positions.

In his current role, Chris leads a team focused on empowering the warfighter through the use of open, secure, and resilient mission system solutions. Land & Air Systems is an industry leading provider of mission critical networks, command and control systems, training and simulation capabilities, advanced signals intelligence and electronic warfare systems, and open architecture high assurance computing for defense customers worldwide.

Formerly, Chris led the strategy and business development team in Airborne Systems business within Land & Air Systems, where he worked closely with government and industry partners to develop open, secure, and reliable computing solutions for airborne platforms.

Prior to these roles, Chris was a Senior Distinguished Member of the Technical Staff at General Dynamics Mission Systems, serving as the Chief Engineer for the Airborne Systems business, where he was responsible for defining and executing a technology roadmap aligned to joint and restricted customer priorities.

Chris has also worked in program management, most recently as the Senior Program Manager for all F/A-18 and EA-18G mission computer production programs at GDMS, and in business development where he partnered with customers to develop open architecture mission system solutions for advanced programs. He served in a variety of engineering leadership positions over the course of ten years; these include Technical Lead and System Architect for Mission Computing Systems, Lead Hardware Architect for Space Systems, and Design Engineer spanning multiple disciplines.

Chris holds a Master of Science in Electrical Engineering (Computer Architecture) from the University of Minnesota, a Bachelor of Science in Engineering Physics and Mathematics from Saint Mary's University of Minnesota and is a certified Program Management Professional with the Project Management Institute. He enjoys family time, golfing, fishing, and overwhelming adversaries through multi-domain operations.