



The President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee



Committee Member Biography The President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee

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Mr. Matthew J. Desch is the chief executive officer (CEO) of Iridium Communications and serves on its board of directors. Mr. Desch joined Iridium in 2006. Mr. Desch has more than 30 years of experience in telecommunications management and over 20 years in the global wireless industry. Before joining Iridium, Mr. Desch served as the CEO of Telcordia Technologies, Inc., and served on the board of directors at SAIC, Inc. Prior to that, Mr. Desch was president of Nortel Networks Corporation's Wireless Networks Division. He began his career in software development and strategic planning with AT&T Bell Laboratories. Mr. Desch received the 2011 Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award for the greater Washington area and was named as a "Tech Titan" by *Washingtonian Magazine*. He was named *Via Satellite's* 2011 "Satellite Executive of the Year" in recognition for Iridium's advancements towards next generation satellite constellation development. He also serves on the board of trustees of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association. Mr. Desch earned a bachelor's degree in computer science from the Ohio State University and a master's degree in business administration from the University of Chicago.

