

VADM J. Michael McConnell, USN (Ret.)



Mike McConnell is a retired Vice Admiral, USN and former Vice Chairman of Booz Allen Hamilton where he served on the firm's Leadership Team and led the firm's intelligence and cyber security business. After retiring from the US Navy in 1996, he joined Booz Allen, to lead development of the firm's Information Assurance and Intelligence business focused on policy, operations, transformation, homeland security, intelligence analytics and counter-terrorism.

In 2007, Mr. McConnell left Booz Allen to become the second US Director of National Intelligence for two years under Presidents Bush and Obama. In 2009, he returned to Booz Allen as an executive vice president to lead the firm's Intelligence business. In 2011 he was elevated to the position of Vice Chairman of the firm.

Mr. McConnell's career has spanned over 50 years focused on international and foreign intelligence issues including his 29-year career as a US Navy intelligence officer.

In the early 1990's, Mr. McConnell served as the Intelligence Officer for the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Colin Powell, and the Secretary of Defense, Dick Cheney. From 1992-1996 he served as the Director of the National Security Agency.

Mr. McConnell has received the nation's highest award for service in the US Intelligence Community, once from both Presidents Clinton and George W. Bush. He has served as the Chairman and CEO of the Intelligence and National Security Alliance. He was the 2011 recipient of INSA's William Oliver Baker Award.

Mr. McConnell holds an MPA degree from George Washington University, is a graduate of the National Defense University (Global Telecom), the National Defense Intelligence College (Strategic Intelligence), and holds a BA in Economics from Furman University. In addition to being a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Mr. McConnell has been awarded four Honorary Doctorate degrees-the most recent from University of South Florida. ■