

Michael Deslatte
Senior Vice President and
Program Director



H-1/Special Mission Aircraft
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Michael Deslatte was named as the senior vice president and program director for the H-1 and Special Mission Aircraft programs in June 2023 and is a member of the executive leadership team. He is responsible for leading the integrated product teams executing the product strategies, aircraft deliveries, capabilities development and product support for these product lines.

Prior to this role, he served as the vice president for the H-1, Special Mission Aircraft, MQ-8C, and AW-609 programs since January 2021 and was the H-1 Program Manager in 2018. He directed the day-to-day tactical execution of all program-related efforts, including the Structural Improvement and Electrical Power Upgrade (SIEPU) and Lead Technology Integration (LTI) efforts in development in support of U.S. Marine Corps priorities. Michael has led the H-1 team to achieve over 95 aircraft deliveries on time or early to contract.

Before joining the H-1 team, he served as the commercial program director for medium helicopters, principally supporting the Bell 412, and held the role of program manager for the Japan UH-X program in partnership with SUBARU in Japan. Michael also held key positions during the development of the Bell 525 from initial development through first flight, most notably as the manager of the 525 airframe and propulsion structures IPT.

Since joining the aerospace industry in 2003, Michael has held various engineering roles of increasing responsibility, including significant contributions to the Bell 429, the development of the Gulfstream G650, the Bell 417/ARH, and numerous research programs on advanced aerospace structures.

Michael holds a B.S. in Aerospace Engineering from Texas A&M University and an MBA from The University of Texas at Austin.

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