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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Executive Director/CEO of the Virginia Air & Space Center, Hampton, Virginia, since November 2014. Served from September 2011 – October 2014 as President & CEO of The New Children’s Museum, West Hartford, Connecticut (formerly The Children’s Museum, and prior to that, The Science Center of Connecticut). Directed a financial and programmatic turn-around strategy for the institution that resulted in a refurbishment of the museum, a restructuring of human and financial resources, and elimination of all debt. Expertise in operations helped the organization realize a revenue gain in 2013 and experience in museum development positioned the institution for growth and expansion. Prior to The New Children’s Museum, was Chief Operating Officer at Connecticut’s second largest tourist attraction, The Maritime Aquarium at Norwalk. Served the Aquarium in leadership roles for more than 20 years. Directed the facility’s \$30 million capital construction, managed daily operations, and provided strategic and master planning guidance for the organization.

EDUCATION:

Masters of Arts in Economics degree from State University of New York (SUNY), Stony Brook, New York, 1977
B.A. degree in Economics and Spanish with minors in History and Latin American Studies, SUNY (Oswego)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

Association of Science and Technology Centers (ASTC)
American Association of Museums (AAM)
Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA)
Giant Screen Cinema Association (GSCA)