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Admiral T. Joseph Lopez (USN, Ret.)
President, Information Manufacturing Corporation

Admiral Lopez is President of Information Manufacturing Corporation (IMC), an information technology service integrator with headquarters elements in Rocket Center, West Virginia and Manassas, Virginia. In this position, he directs all aspects of business operations for this multi-million dollar company, which operates facilities in Rocket Center, Clarksburg, Morgantown and Cowen, West Virginia. He joined IMC in August 2004 to assume the responsibilities of his current position.

IMC employs more than 400 people in Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, and North Carolina. Founded in 1998, IMC is an established innovator in the field of information technology and integrated knowledge management services for clients in the Health, Department of Defense, Civilian Government Contracts, and National Security business sectors, offering high-volume document conversion, mass storage, and web access in a tightly integrated, secure environment. IMC's cutting-edge integration of knowledge services has garnered the company contracts with several Federal government organizations such as the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (AFIP), and several Department of Defense agencies. Most recently, a team of companies which includes IMC was named as one of two groups awarded contracts to develop a prototype for the National Archives and Records Administration's Electronic Records Archives (ERA). IMC also serves the private sector with an emphasis on healthcare data management and business process outsourcing.

Prior to joining IMC, Admiral Lopez served as Senior Vice President of Government Operations for Kellogg, Brown and Root (KBR), directing Global Government Operations from offices in Arlington, Virginia; London, UK; and Canberra, Australia. During his tenure with KBR, Admiral Lopez directed the U.S. Department of State worldwide embassy security upgrade project, served as Chief Operating Officer for North and South America and Worldwide U.S. Government Projects, and administered contracts supporting the U.S. Federal Government and other Allied Governments worldwide.

Admiral Lopez's naval career included tours as Commander-in-Chief of U.S. Naval Forces Europe and Commander-in-Chief Allied Forces, Southern Europe from 1996-1998. In 1996, he commanded all U.S. and Allied Bosnia Peace Keeping Forces; from 1994-1996, he served as Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Resources, Warfare Requirements and Assessments; Commander of the U.S. Sixth Fleet in 1992-1993; and Senior Military Assistant to the Secretary of Defense from 1990-1992.

Admiral Lopez was awarded numerous medals and honors, including two Defense Distinguished Service Medals, two Navy Distinguished Service Medals, three Legion of Merits, the Bronze Star (Combat V), three Navy Commendation Medals (Combat V), the Combat Action Ribbon and the Presidential Unit Citation. He is one of just two flag officers in the history of the U.S. Navy who achieved four-star rank after direct commission from enlisted service.

Admiral Lopez serves on a number of the Boards for public & private institutions. He is a member of the Board of Governors for West Virginia University, the Board of Visitors for the National Defense University and the Board of Trustees for both the National Youth Science Foundation and the CNA Corporation. He also serves on the Board of Directors for the Surface Navy Association, the Armed Forces Benefit Association and the Western Policy Center. He is also a member of the Board of Advisors for the Naval Post Graduate School and Northrop Grumman Corporation (Ship Systems).

Admiral Lopez has received numerous honors from his home state of West Virginia, including designation by the Governor as a "Distinguished West Virginian" and in 1989 as the West Virginian of the Year by the Italian Heritage Festival. Additionally, the Interstate 64 Bridge spanning the Kanawha River at Chelyan was named in his honor in 1997 by the State Legislature. In December 1998 he was named West Virginian of the Year by West Virginia Capital newspapers in Charleston. He is an alumnus of Potomac State College, West Virginia Institute of Technology and the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School. He holds a BA (Cum Laude) in International Relations and an MS in Management. He has been awarded an Honorary Doctorate Degree in Humanities from West Virginia Institute of Technology. Admiral Lopez resides in Northern Virginia with his wife Vivian.

