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ENTERPRISE IT STRATEGY · DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION · AI & CLOUD MODERNIZATION · CYBERSECURITY



Maria Henderson

// Senior IT & Cyber Director · Enterprise Digital Transformation Executive · $360M+ Portfolio · PMP · Defense & Aerospace

Technology executive with 20+ years leading enterprise IT infrastructure, cybersecurity posture, digital transformation, and organizational redesign across defense, aerospace, manufacturing, and healthcare. Active TS-SCI with polygraph. Holder-asserted PMP.

20+ Years Leadership | $360M+ Combined Portfolio | 2,100+ Professionals Led | 30% Delivery Speed Gain | TS-SCI · Polygraph Cleared

OPENNESS	Open to roles
PATHLOCK	Not connected
STATUS	Best aligned for CIO, enterprise IT, cybersecurity, digital transformation, classified solutions, and executive program leadership roles
CLEARANCE	Active TS-SCI · Polygraph Cleared
FOCUS	Enterprise IT strategy, AI and cloud modernization, RMF, JSIG, NIST, DFARS, fiscal governance, and operating model transformation
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01 By the Numbers

20+
Years of Executive Impact
Career spans enterprise IT leadership, cybersecurity governance, digital transformation, portfolio management, manufacturing systems, and healthcare information technology.

$360M+
Combined Portfolio
Leads enterprise and sector-level strategy, investment planning, compliance, and operational execution across a large-scale, mission-critical technology portfolio.

2,100+
Professionals Led
Built and guided large, geographically dispersed technical organizations while strengthening leadership pipelines, accountability, and execution culture.

30%
Delivery Speed Gain
Accelerated delivery through AI, cloud, automation, and enterprise operating model improvements without compromising security and compliance.

02 Highlights

ENTERPRISE TRANSFORMATION · EXECUTIVE GOVERNANCE · CLASSIFIED SOLUTIONS

Redesigned Enterprise Classified IT Operating Models

Architected and led large-scale reorganizations that unified classified and unclassified operating structures, standardized governance, and strengthened enterprise agility across Northrop Grumman environments.

Org Design · Executive Strategy · Classified IT · Agile Execution

AI · CLOUD · AUTOMATION · DIGITAL FABRIC

Modernized Mission Environments with Next-Gen Technology

Led integration of AI, cloud computing, high-performance computing, and automation into highly regulated environments, improving program delivery speed by 30% while preserving mission assurance.

AI · Cloud · Automation · HPC

CYBERSECURITY · COMPLIANCE · RISK GOVERNANCE

Advanced Compliance Across High-Consequence Environments

Directed cybersecurity and compliance initiatives aligned to NIST 800-171, DFARS, RMF, JSIG, and related standards, enabling secure modernization without disrupting engineering, manufacturing, or program delivery operations.

NIST 800-171 · DFARS · RMF · JSIG

MANUFACTURING IT · MULTI-SITE INTEGRATION · SMART FACTORY

Built Foundations for Smart Factory Transformation

Unified siloed technology organizations, advanced Factory of the Future initiatives, expanded data ingestion capacity, and standardized delivery across multiple manufacturing and engineering environments.

Smart Factory · Manufacturing IT · Data Platforms · Enterprise Integration

03 Experience

NORTHROP GRUMMAN · SPACE SYSTEMS SECTOR & ENTERPRISE CIDO · MCLEAN, VIRGINIA · ENTERPRISE STRATEGY · CLASSIFIED SOLUTIONS · EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP

2023 — Present

Senior IT & Cyber Director | Classified IT Solutions Lead

- Leads enterprise and sector strategy for classified IT solutions across a 2,100+ person organization and a $360M+ combined portfolio.
- Delivers enterprise-wide architecture, fiduciary management, and compliance frameworks that scale across complex, high-security environments.
- Drives AI, cloud, automation, and next-generation technology adoption to improve delivery speed and mission performance.
- Presents strategy to senior executives and board-level stakeholders while building talent pipelines and modern leadership culture.

NORTHROP GRUMMAN · SPACE SYSTEMS SECTOR CIO · LINTHICUM, MARYLAND · DIVISION IT & CYBER LEADERSHIP · INVESTMENT STRATEGY · COMPLIANCE

2020 — 2023

Enterprise Services Program IT Director | Division IT & Cyber Lead

- Spearheaded reorganization of enterprise classified IT and cyber operations, replacing siloed structures with a unified, sector-aligned delivery model.
- Established CIO investment strategy for NCTA and Capital planning across a $73.3M portfolio, aligning technology objectives with growth and affordability.
- Led division-wide cybersecurity overhauls to meet NIST 800-171 and DFARS requirements without disrupting engineering and manufacturing operations.
- Directed large teams of program managers and IT/security professionals while aligning roadmaps, funding, and technical execution with business priorities.

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NORTHROP GRUMMAN · MISSION SYSTEMS SECTOR CIO · LINTHICUM, MARYLAND · INFRASTRUCTURE MODERNIZATION · CAPITAL MANAGEMENT · ENTERPRISE ALIGNMENT 2018 — 2020

Enterprise Services IT Manager | Division Deputy IT Director

- Established division IT strategy aligned with enterprise services, corporate priorities, and financial commitments.
- Orchestrated complex architecture overhauls and data center migrations across heritage environments.
- Managed integrated planning, monitoring, and control activities across a $10.5M operating baseline.
- Partnered with executive leadership to accelerate digital transformation and enterprise alignment.

NORTHROP GRUMMAN · MISSION SYSTEMS SECTOR MANUFACTURING · LINTHICUM, MARYLAND · MANUFACTURING IT · DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION · VENDOR MANAGEMENT 2015 — 2018

Sector Manufacturing IT Systems Manager | Deputy IT Director

- Unified three siloed organizations into one structure, enabling cross-functional collaboration across 11 manufacturing sites.
- Advanced Smart Factory and Factory of the Future initiatives through cross-sector technology planning and execution.
- Achieved NIST SP 800-171 and DFARS compliance across 14 manufacturing locations.
- Managed third-party PLM and Manufacturing IT vendor relationships to sustain performance and service quality.

NORTHROP GRUMMAN · ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS SECTOR · LINTHICUM, MARYLAND · PROCESS LEADERSHIP · GOVERNANCE · MIGRATION PROGRAMS 2014 — 2015

EM&L Process Initiatives Manager | Deputy Process Initiatives Director

- Led cross-sector process engineering teams and managed sector-wide initiative alignment.
- Directed phased SharePoint migrations and governed planning, scope, and distributed execution across $2M–$3.5M budgets.
- Supported CMMI appraisals and process maturity efforts across technical organizations.
- Evaluated and recommended technology solutions that improved engineering, manufacturing, and logistics operations.

NORTHROP GRUMMAN · INFORMATION SYSTEMS · WINDSOR MILLS, MARYLAND · BUSINESS ANALYSIS · SDLC GOVERNANCE · MISSION SYSTEMS 2012 — 2014

Senior Business Process Analyst

- Facilitated quarterly SDLC releases and change request governance for mission-critical federal data platforms.
- Served as liaison between end users, IT teams, and executive stakeholders for complex, multi-agency systems.
- Documented requirements using structured enterprise methods and supported high-consequence delivery timelines.
- Recognized for resolving complex change requests with creative technical solutions that kept the program on target.

04 Credentials & Qualifications

Vendor certifications are holder-asserted unless a live issuer check succeeded

CLEARANCE

Active TS-SCI · Polygraph Cleared

Trusted to lead mission-critical initiatives inside classified environments where governance, resilience, and precision are non-negotiable.

PROJECT LEADERSHIP

Project Management Professional (PMP)

Accumentum-linked PMP achievement reinforces executive program discipline, stakeholder alignment, fiscal control, and structured delivery at enterprise scale.

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FRAMEWORKS & STANDARDS

RMF · NIST · JSIG · DFARS · CMMC · FedRAMP

Experience spans NIST SP 800-53, NIST SP 800-171, DAAPM, JSIG, DFARS, CMMC, FedRAMP, Agile/SAFe, CMMI Level 5, and ITIL-aligned operating environments.

EXECUTIVE CORE COMPETENCIES

Enterprise Strategy, Org Design, P&L, Workforce Leadership

Combines enterprise IT strategy, change management, fiscal governance, risk management, talent development, stakeholder leadership, and digital modernization execution.

PMP · PMI — Holder-asserted

05 Technical Skills

// ENTERPRISE STRATEGY & GOVERNANCE

Enterprise IT Strategy	Core · 96
Portfolio Management	Advanced · 94
Fiscal Governance / P&L	Advanced · 93
Stakeholder Management	Core · 95

// CYBERSECURITY & COMPLIANCE

Cybersecurity Architecture	Advanced · 91
RMF / NIST / DFARS	Core · 95
FedRAMP / CMMC Readiness	Strong · 87
Risk Management	Advanced · 92

// TRANSFORMATION & MODERNIZATION

Digital Transformation	Core · 96
Cloud & AI Modernization	Advanced · 92
Enterprise Org Design	Advanced · 90
Change Management	Strong · 88

// DELIVERY, PEOPLE & SCALE

Workforce Leadership	Core · 95
Talent Development	Advanced · 90
Vendor Management	Strong · 86
SDLC / Agile / SAFe	Strong · 87

06 Let's Put Maria To Work

Best aligned for CIO, enterprise IT, digital transformation, cybersecurity governance, classified solutions, portfolio leadership, and executive technology roles that require strategic clarity, fiscal discipline, compliance rigor, and high-trust delivery in defense and regulated environments.

07 Education

ACCUMENTUM®

Project Management Professional (PMP)

PMP preparation and achievement reinforce Maria's structured approach to enterprise delivery, executive stakeholder alignment, and transformation governance.

LIBERTY UNIVERSITY

Doctor of Business Administration (In Progress)

Current doctoral study supports deeper alignment between enterprise strategy, organizational leadership, emerging technology, and executive decision-making.

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BRENAU UNIVERSITY

Master of Business Administration · Project Management

Graduate education strengthens Maria’s foundation in program leadership, financial stewardship, organizational performance, and enterprise execution.

NORFOLK STATE UNIVERSITY / TIDEWATER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Business Administration & Management Information Systems

Academic background combines business administration and information systems, supporting a career built at the intersection of technology, operations, and strategy.

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