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Cathy is a Georgetown University-certified executive leadership coach, an organizational development consultant, and keynote speaker. She has coached CEOs and senior leaders serving in governmental, non-profit, and public sector positions. Cathy is also an adjunct coach for the Center for Creative Leadership. As a consultant, she helped a top-tier Fortune 30 company manage internal reorganization. Cathy specializes in organizational effectiveness, change, and team building. Her keynote speaking topics range from courageous leadership to work/life balance. Cathy is certified in Hogan Leadership Assessments and the WorkPlace Big 5 Personality Profile. She is also is trained on the FIRO-Business, and the Leading Managers 360.



From 2012 – 2016, she was the Program Director, Business and Regional Jet Programs at Spirit AeroSystems. She was responsible for program development and execution of the Rolls-Royce BR-725 engine nacelle and engine build-up program for the Gulfstream G650, the Bombardier C-Series Pylon and Mitsubishi Regional Jet Pylon programs.

Prior to this, Cathy was the Director, Program Management Center of Excellence. In this role, she worked with Spirit's new programs teams across the global enterprise with the responsibility to promote program management best practices through direct coaching, training and execution support. In both roles, Cathy also coached peers and subordinates from across the company on a monthly basis, typically supporting six clients at any one time who served in fields ranging from Six Sigma analysis to engineering.

From 2007 – 2012, Cathy was a senior program manager for The Boeing Company, holding two positions. First as Program Manager, B-52 Sustainment where she was responsible for the profit, loss, and execution for weapons system integration on the B-52 bomber. Next, she was Program Manager, Air Refueling Systems, responsible for executing software development for the KC-46A air refueling system. Concurrently, Cathy managed a subcontract with L-3 Communications which modified fan cowls, engine cowls, and struts as part of a KC-135 to RC-135 aircraft conversion program. At Boeing, Cathy also coached employees from such diverse fields as program management, engineering, supply chain, finance and contracting.

Cathy is an Air Force veteran with 25 years of service. During her Air Force career she piloted the KC-135, T-37B and the UV-18 aircraft. She commanded at the squadron, group, and wing levels, leading teams ranging in size from 110 to over 3,500 airmen and civilians. Deploying on numerous occasions to execute national military objectives, Cathy led air refueling groups supporting B-52s over Afghanistan and again supporting four different missions over Iraq.

Cathy graduated from the United States Air Force Academy with a degree in General Engineering. She earned her master's degrees from Webster University (Human Resources Development), University of Texas at Austin (Social Psychology), College of Naval Command and Staff (National Security and Strategic Studies) and the Air War College (Strategic Studies). Cathy also attended the Senior Executive Fellows course hosted by the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Cathy is the Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Air Force Academy Association of Graduates, a Trustee of the Falcon Foundation, and is a member of the East Wichita Rotary Club, Friends of McConnell, and the Ninety-Nines. In her spare time, Cathy volunteers as an Emergency Medical Technician for Sedgwick County.