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James Bell is a retired Program Manager at United Launch Alliance (ULA), headquartered in Denver, Colorado. ULA, a 50-50 joint venture between Lockheed Martin Corporation and The Boeing Company, is the nation's most experienced and reliable launch service provider. ULA designs, manufactures, integrates, and launches Atlas and Delta launch vehicles that have successfully delivered to orbit more than 115 satellites that aid meteorologists in tracking severe weather, unlock the mysteries of our solar system, provide critical capabilities for troops in the field and enable personal device-based GPS navigation. Launch service customers include the Department of Defense, NASA, the National Reconnaissance Office, the U.S. Air Force, and commercial organizations.

In his last position before retirement, Mr. Bell was ULA's Program Manager that led a team responsible for mission integration, mission management and launch services for cargo resupply missions to the International Space Station. Prior to this role, Mr. Bell progressed through several positions of increasing responsibility including Integration Manager, Mission Manager and Program Manager for a variety U.S. Air Force and National Reconnaissance Office missions. He also held the position of Program Operations Manager for Atlas Launch Operations at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida and Vandenberg Air Force Base in California.

Mr. Bell is a native of Port Arthur, TX and a graduate of Lamar University where he earned an Associate of Applied Science degree in drafting technology in 1977 and a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering in 1984. He and his wife Jenny reside in the Denver suburb of Highlands Ranch, Colorado. In addition to tackling projects around their home and caring for their dog and two cats, the Bell's enjoy fitness training, swimming, biking, and golf at a variety of scenic courses in and around the Mile High City.