



Rear Admiral Jim Underwood USCG (Ret), Vice President, Business Development

Admiral Underwood is a Vice President (VP) of Business Development for URS Federal Services. This Division provides engineering, scientific, management, systems integration, and operations and maintenance services, as well as a wide range of specialized technical support services for the U.S. Federal Government and associated Government agencies.

As a Vice President for Business Development, Admiral Underwood leads the marketing and development of URS Federal Services in Alaska and Florida. He currently works closely with URS I&E Division offices to develop new opportunities in the Miami, Tampa and Port Canaveral regions of Florida, and throughout the State of Alaska. His areas of expertise include Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Coast Guard, Ports and Waterways, Maritime Safety and Security and Intelligence.

Admiral Underwood joined the URS Corporation team in May of 2005 to lead the Homeland Security program. After two years of sustained achievement, he transitioned to current position in June 2007. Prior to joining URS, Admiral Underwood excelled at increasingly complex assignments during a 33-year Coast Guard career culminating in senior command and policy positions as a Rear Admiral. Admiral Underwood achieved success and organizational objectives through leadership, working with an array of professionals to build strong alliances among public and private sectors, within the U.S. and abroad. He improved international and interagency relationships, developed transportation security programs, generated comprehensive maritime safety and marine resource protection laws, expanded counter-drug and illegal alien interdiction operations, and promoted alliances with fishing and boating industries and associations. He also has over ten years experience in command ashore and at sea.

Admiral Underwood graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy with a Bachelor of Science in 1972, and Harvard University with a Masters Degree in Public Administration in 1988. He has also completed numerous professional training seminars at Harvard University including Advanced Management Curricula, and the International Security Forum in 2000. His Military awards include the Coast Guard Distinguished Service Medal and three Legion of Merits. He serves on several Boards and holds positions in numerous community organizations including the Alaska Military Force Advocacy and Structure Team, the Joshua Collingsworth Memorial Foundation Board of Directors, Past President of the Propeller Club of Port Canaveral, Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation Board of Directors, and Assistant Governor for Rotary International District 6930 Area 9. A member of the Merritt Island Breakfast Rotary Club, he is the Rotarian who introduced Josh the Otter Water Safety Literacy and Awareness Project to Rotary. It is now an annual project in several districts, numerous Rotary Clubs in over 40 states and 4 countries.