

National Armaments Consortium

Charlie Zisette, Executive Director

Mr. Charlie Zisette serves as the Executive Director of the National Armaments Consortium (NAC). Mr. Zisette is responsible for the overall management of the NAC. The NAC is comprised of more than 560 industry and academic members making it the largest defense related consortium in existence today. The NAC's mission is to provide relevant and timely development and transition of critical armament technologies for the Warfighter. The NAC is linked to the DoD's Defense Ordnance Technology Consortium (DOTC) to provide a unique forum for innovation through a collaborative environment. As the Executive Director, Mr. Zisette serves as the principle point of contact for business with the NAC, its member organizations and all government departments and agencies.



Mr. Zisette was a founding member of the NAC in 2000 and has served on the NAC Executive Committee for more than 8 years. He has also served on the DOTC Executive Committee governing the joint DoD and industry consortia. In these capacities he has been engaged in shaping the NAC to become what it is today.

Starting in 1999, Mr. Zisette worked with industry, academia, and the US Army to establish a consortium for the development of munitions technology, laying the foundation for what is now known as the National Armaments Consortium (NAC). The consortium is now the standard for the DoD in providing collaborative armaments development ensuring a rapid, effective method for developing armament systems for the Warfighter. As a member of the Executive Committee, he helped establish the construct, policy, and procedures currently being used by NAC. During his tenure, the consortium has grown to include customers from all segments of the DoD armaments technology base. He was instrumental in setting the guidance for how the NAC operates within the DoD enterprise and in execution of its program objectives. He has provided direction and managed the adoption of lean principles in improving the management and operating procedures of DOTC and the NAC.

Mr. Zisette has worked for over 33 years in the defense and aerospace industry. In addition to his support of the NAC, Mr. Zisette's career has spanned a wide variety of positions including engineering director, technical director, market segment director, operations manager, business development manager, program manager, project engineer, and design engineer at Orbital ATK. He has worked on a variety of programs and projects in the field of energetic materials, propellants, pyrotechnics, explosives, launch vehicle technology, ballistic missile aging and surveillance, munitions development, demilitarization, space-based structures, ammunition development and manufacturing, and precision weapons systems development and manufacturing. He has served on national and international committees within industry and DoD sectors. He has developed and executed national and international teaming agreements for the transition of technology and manufacturing. He has served on numerous senior level DoD and DoE technology panels, design review panels, and failure investigation panels.