

John F. Skipper, CEO, National Conference Services, Inc. (NCSI)

John Skipper began his tradeshow career in 1988 by producing on-site technology expositions at federal agencies and military bases throughout the United States. John helped pioneer the concept of bringing technology exhibits directly to the federal agencies and military bases and the events played a key role in transforming the government's process of procuring technology products and services.

John, along with his brother James Skipper, co-founded National Conference Services, Inc. (NCSI) in 1997 to capitalize on their entrepreneurial skills in running trade shows, conferences, and special events. Headquartered in Columbia, MD, NCSI operates internationally and has grown to more than 55 employees and produces more than 100 technology events annually for the federal government, DoD, and intelligence community. Under John's leadership NCSI has achieved extraordinary growth and has played a key role in ensuring America's national security.

John resides in Burtonsville, Maryland. He graduated in 1987 with a bachelor's degree in communications and a minor in marketing from Virginia Tech where he and his wife Laurie are current members of the Ut Prosim Society. John is active with the International Association of Exhibitions and Events (IAEE) and received the IAEE Outstanding Achievement in Industry Leadership Award for 2009. John is also active with the Society of Independent Show Organizers (SISO) and various philanthropic organizations including the Virginia Tech Athletic Fund (VTAF) where he currently serves on the Board of Directors.

