

Hon. Sue C. Payton, President, SCI-Aerospace, Inc.



Sue C. Payton – change agent, acquisition expert, innovative industry leader and public servant - has over 27 years of continued success working with senior aerospace and defense industry partners and in government positions with military services, defense agencies, coalition partners, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Intelligence Community, Congress, Universities and the media. As the former Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, in both Republican and Democrat Administrations, Ms. Payton was responsible for all Air Force research, development and acquisition activities. She provided strategy, direction, guidance and oversight of all matters pertaining to the formulation, review, approval and execution of acquisition plans, policies and programs. Ms. Payton directed a \$30 billion annual investment that included major weapon systems such as unmanned air vehicles, mobility, ISR and fighter aircraft, and munitions, as well as, capability areas such as alternative

fuels, information technology, command and control, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance systems.

Her numerous achievements include: American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) Associate Fellow, Department of Air Force Exceptional Civilian Service Award, Eastern Illinois University Honorary PhD/Public Service and Distinguished Alumni Award, and Office of the Secretary of Defense Medal for Exceptional Public Service.