

Remarks from Wes Bush, Northrop Grumman
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On behalf of Northrop Grumman, let me say how pleased and honored I am to accept this award.

This award recognizes the corporate citizenship of our employees. I know I am joined in spirit by all 70,000 of them, who make Northrop Grumman such a great place to work.

Those employees work in all fifty states and around the world.

They are engaged in developing innovative solutions to some of the most difficult security challenges our nation faces today – solutions that

will help our young men and women in uniform to better perform their dangerous duties around the world; solutions that will determine how secure we are at home and at work.

It's very gratifying to be among so many other accomplished honorees. It's also gratifying to receive an award like this from an organization like the Committee for Economic Development.

Northrop Grumman is pleased to be associated with the initiatives and objectives of the C-E-D and we congratulate you on your 70th anniversary.

The efforts that led to this award have been ongoing at Northrop Grumman. They began with

the recognition that there is no daylight between top business performance, values and ethics.

The embrace of a body of values and ethics has taken three primary forms:

First, a focus on performance – we strive for sustainable performance for our shareholders, our customers and our employees that is based on strong values and ethics;

Second, the creation of an inclusive culture within our company encourages diversity of thought that contributes to broader innovation;

And third, the promotion of science, technology, engineering and math at all educational levels across our nation.

We see these areas as fundamental to the economic development of our nation.

Northrop Grumman believes that these values serve our local communities where our employees live and work.

This is because these values translate into the kind of corporate citizenship for which we are graciously being honored tonight.

They translate into volunteering, community outreach, tutoring, mentoring and any number of

other activities in which our employees give of themselves.

It is truly an honor to be among so many of you who also share these goals. I look out among you and recognize many of you as comrades in these objectives. In fact, I serve with some of you on the Business Higher Education Forum.

This has been a busy year for the BHEF.

In April, the BHEF introduced a new model for cooperation between business and academia in its objective of a larger, better trained STEM workforce

that is more responsive to regional job markets and the employment needs of businesses.

As the chair of that organization, I look forward to working with many of you next year.

Over the years, there have been so many people who have contributed to the earning of this award that time does not allow me to name each one. But they can all take great pride in the contributions they have made to the values, ethics and superior performance of the company we are so happy to be a part of.

Like most awards, this award recognizes hard work toward a worthy goal. But an award like this also

implies something else. It implies that, despite this recognition, there is still more to do.

So, we intend to continue our corporate responsibility efforts for the benefit of our nation and our communities.

Again, on behalf of Northrop Grumman, thank you for this wonderful award.

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