

Charles E. Croom
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Charles “Charlie” Croom retired as the Vice President of Cyber Strategy and Government Relations for Lockheed Martin Information Systems and Global Services.

Croom joined Lockheed Martin Information Systems & Global Services as Vice President of Cyber Security Solutions in October of 2008. In that capacity, he shaped the corporation’s cyber security strategy with insight from his 35 years of distinguished service, leadership, and technology experience from the U.S. Air Force.

Croom co-chaired a National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee Task Force on “Strengthening Government and Private Sector Collaboration” which issued a May 2009 report recommending that the President direct the establishment of a Joint Coordinating Center.

Croom retired as a U.S. Air Force Lieutenant General, Director of the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA), and the Commander of the Joint Task Force for Global Network Operations in September 2008. While at DISA, he led a worldwide organization of more than 6,600 military and civilian personnel to serve the information technology and telecommunications needs of the President, Secretary of Defense, Joint Chiefs of Staff, combatant commanders, and other Department of Defense stakeholders.

A graduate of Rutgers University’s ROTC program, Croom entered the Air Force in 1973. His career spanned four commands to include: major command, numbered air force, Air Staff, defense agency, Joint Staff, Office of the Secretary of Defense, and unified command levels. He holds bachelors’ degrees in both Economics and Electrical Engineering from Rutgers University, a master’s degree in Management and Business Administration from Webster College, and Distinguished graduate degrees from both Squadron Officer School, and Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell Air Force Base. Additionally, he has completed Executive Development programs at Harvard University, Cornell University, and the National War College. Recently awarded the Rutgers University Engineering 2013 Medal of Excellence.

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