

DEFENSE BUSINESS BOARD



Ralph Szygenda

Chairman and CEO, RJS Solutions, LLC

Mr. Szygenda brings over forty five years of business and information technology leadership experience. He consults and advises corporations, government and universities worldwide.

He presently is Chairman and CEO of RJS Solutions, LLC, where he advises and consults with business corporate officers, government officials, CIOs and information technology companies on leadership, business process design, information systems evaluation, design and implementation. He is a Member of the Investment Advisory Board of Lead Edge Capital, Senior Advisor to Nexient Corporation and Kogod Cybersecurity Governance Center Advisory Board Member. Mr. Szygenda is also an Adjunct Faculty member and Executive Research Fellow at the American University Kogod's School of Business in Washington DC.

Prior to this he was Strategy Advisor to UST Global Corporation, iRise Corporation and Elastic Outreach Corporation. Also in an advisory role to the National Security Agency. He has been a Board of Directors Member of Compuware, Covisint, Handleman and Sodalia Corporations.

He has been a member of the Dean's Advisory Board of the H John Heinz III Business College of Carnegie Mellon University, Missouri University of Science and Technology Management and Information Systems Steering Committee Chair and Engineering School Advisory Board Member, University of Alabama at Birmingham Engineering School Advisory Board Member, American University Kogod School of Business Information Management Advisory Council Chair and University of Texas McCombs School of Business Information Systems Management Steering Committee Member.

Before retirement from General Motors Corporation after thirteen years as Chief Information Officer in 2009, Mr. Szygenda, as Group VP and CIO, was accountable for the management of all information technology efforts responsible for developing and implementing GM's global digital business strategy.

Prior to GM, from 1993-1996, he was Vice President and CIO of Bell Atlantic Corporation in the telecommunication industry involved in re-engineering traditional telephone processes into future information services.

Mr. Szygenda was a member of Texas Instruments for twenty one years from 1972-1993. From 1989 to 1993 he was Corporate Vice President and CIO as well as general manager of the Enterprise Systems Business Unit, an information technology systems integration business supplying products and services to the Fortune 500. From 1972 to 1989, he was a member of the Defense Systems and Equipment Group of Texas Instruments culminating as Division Manager and member of the Defense Systems and Equipment Group Management Committee. Mr.

Szygenda was involved in military computing systems as well automation and engineering technology systems.

Mr. Szygenda has received numerous awards such as CRN Publication “ Computer Industry Hall of Fame”, CIO Magazine “CIO Hall of Fame” and Business Sourcing “Hall of Fame”. He has been awarded Information Week “CIO of the Year”, Industry Week Magazine “Technology Leader of the Year”, Automotive News “Industry All Star Award” and Computerworld Magazine Smithsonian “Information Leadership Award”. Also the Kogod School of Business Leadership Award and the American Heart Association Award of Meritorious Achievement.

His educational background includes: Honorary Doctorate Degree of Engineering from the University of Missouri, Honorary Professional Degree from the Missouri School of Science and Technology, M.S. EE from the University of Texas and B.S. Computer Science from the Missouri School of Science and Technology.