# Dan Wildt

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Dan Wildt is Vice President, Directed Energy Systems, for Northrop Grumman Space Technology. In this role, Dan is responsible for the acquisition and execution of all NGST directed energy activities, to include laser systems and related technology activities.

Mr. Wildt has over 25 years experience in high-energy laser research and development. Prior to his current assignment, Mr. Wildt served NGST as the director for business development, directed energy systems. In this role, Dan was responsible for transitioning high energy laser and active protection technologies from the test ranges and laboratories to the battlefield. Mr. Wildt also served as Deputy for Space and Missile Defense. In this role, he shared leadership responsibilities for the Space Superiority, Missile Defense and Laser Weapon Systems business areas.

Earlier, Mr. Wildt served as Director for Laser Weapon Systems, and as NGST Program Manager and Deputy Director for Technology for the Space Based Laser Integrated Flight Experiment Joint Venture team. Prior to these assignments, he served as Program Manager, Space Based Laser Integration programs. Responsibilities included Zenith Star, Alpha Laser Optimization, the Advanced Phase Conjugation Experiment, and the HF Overtone programs.

Mr. Wildt was employed by the Missile Defense Agency (then the Strategic Defense Initiative Organization), initially as Program Manager, Space Based Laser Program, and later as Deputy Director, Directed Energy Programs. Mr. Wildt also served as acting Director, Directed Energy Programs, during a one year extended absence of the Director.

Mr. Wildt received his bachelor's of science degree with a double major in physics and computer science at Murray State University. He received a master's of science in mechanical engineering from California State University, Northridge.

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