



Herman Shelanski

Vice President

Business Development

Herman Shelanski is vice president of Business Development for Newport News Shipbuilding, a division of Huntington Ingalls Industries, located in Newport News, Va. Named to this position in 2018, Shelanski has responsibility for ensuring the company's strategy remains aligned with and complements the needs and priorities of the U.S. Navy and the needs of our nation's defense.

Prior to his current role, Shelanski served in the U.S. Navy, where he spent more than 38 years managing and leading organizations of increasing complexity and responsibility before retiring at the rank of vice admiral.

During his tenure, he became known for his visionary leadership and strategic planning. His accomplishments include:

- Serving as the captain of a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier and leading a crew of 5,000.
- Serving as a strike group commander and leading 8,000 people and 15 ships, including a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, and an airwing of 60 tactical aircraft.
- Leading a research division to evaluate emerging threats and technologies, culminating in the Navy's 2014 Maritime Strategy and 30-Year Shipbuilding Plan.
- Serving as the Naval Inspector General working Navy-wide to create a culture of excellence, leadership, innovation and learning to promote efficiency, effectiveness and readiness.

In addition to his leadership experience, Shelanski was awarded an honorary doctorate in science, 'honoris causa,' from his alma mater, the University of Colorado. He earned a Master of Science in electrical engineering and space systems engineering, and a bachelor's degree in molecular, cellular and developmental biology.

About Newport News Shipbuilding:

Newport News Shipbuilding (NNS), a division of Huntington Ingalls Industries, is the nation's sole designer, builder and refueler of nuclear-powered aircraft carriers and one of only two shipyards capable of designing and building nuclear-powered submarines. NNS also provides fleet services for naval ships and recently expanded its nuclear and manufacturing expertise into Department of Energy and alternative energy business ventures. Headquartered in Newport News, Virginia, the shipyard's vast facilities span more than 550 acres along two miles of waterfront on the historic James River. It is the largest industrial employer in Virginia, employing more than 23,000 people, many of whom are third and fourth generation shipbuilders. For more information, please visit www.huntingtoningalls.com.

