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Mr. Colin A. Bettis is the Director of Outreach, Commercial Systems Program Office (CSPO), National Reconnaissance Office, Chantilly, Virginia. In this role, Colin leads two distinct lines of effort supporting the Director of CSPO and Director of NRO, the first being the identification of emerging commercial space products & services for potential integration into the NRO's portfolio of capabilities, and second being the assessment of U.S. government stakeholders and mission needs which can be enhanced through the introduction & integration of commercial space capabilities.

Mr. Bettis received his commission as a U.S. Air Force officer from the University of Saint Thomas in Saint Paul, Minnesota in 2012, and transferred to the federal civilian service in 2019, joining the U.S. government's premier hypersonic missile program office, Conventional Prompt Strike, with the U.S. Navy. Throughout his career, he gained extensive hands-on experience in flight test operations, engineering, and acquisitions for both unmanned aircraft and ballistic missile systems, as well as technical intelligence collection, operations, and analysis methods & processes across the intelligence community.

EDUCATION

2012 Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering, University of Saint Thomas, Saint Paul, M.N.
2013 Fundamentals of Systems Acquisition Management, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, O.H.
2017 U.S. Air Force Intelligence Officer Course, Goodfellow Air Force Base, T.X.
2021 Masters of Arts, Intelligence Studies, American Military University, Charles Town, W.V.
2022 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, A.L.
2023 Space 100, National Security Space Institute, Peterson Space Force Base, C.O.

MILITARY ASSIGNMENTS

2012 – 2016 Flight Test Engineer, Air Force Life-Cycle Management Center, Detachment 3, Poway, C.A.
2016 – 2017 Student, 315th Training Squadron, Goodfellow Air Force Base, T.X.
2017 – 2019 Analyst, Defense Special Missile & Aerospace Center, National Security Agency, M.D.
2019 – 2023 Analyst, Defense Special Missile & Aerospace Center, National Security Agency, M.D.*
2023 – Analyst, United States Strategic Command, Joint Intelligence Operations Center, Omaha, N.E.*
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CIVILIAN ASSIGNMENTS

2019 – 2021 Scientific & Technical Intelligence Liaison Officer, Conventional Prompt Strike, U.S. Navy Strategic Systems Program Office, Washington Navy Yard, Washington D.C.
2021 – 2023 Senior Systems Engineer, Management Services & Operations Directorate, National Reconnaissance Office, Chantilly, V.A.
2023 Director of Outreach, Commercial Systems Program Office, National Reconnaissance Office