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# The President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee

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## Committee Member Biography The President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee

**Matthew Desch**  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
**Iridium Communications, Inc.**

Mr. Matthew Desch is the chief executive officer (CEO) of Iridium Communications, Inc., and serves on its board of directors. Mr. Desch joined Iridium in 2006, and has more than 30 years of experience in telecommunications management and over 20 years in the global wireless industry. Before Iridium, Mr. Desch served as the CEO of Telcordia Technologies, Inc. Prior to that, Mr. Desch was president of Nortel Networks Corporation's Wireless Networks Division. He began his career in software development and strategic planning with AT&T Bell Laboratories. Mr. Desch received the 2011 Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award for the greater Washington area, and was named as a "Tech Titan" by *Washingtonian Magazine*. He was also named *Via Satellite Magazine's* 2011 "Satellite Executive of the Year" in recognition for Iridium's advancements towards next-generation satellite constellation development. Mr. Desch serves on the board of directors for Aireon, LLC, and the board of trustees of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association. He earned a bachelor's degree in computer science from the Ohio State University and a master's degree in business administration from the University of Chicago.

