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# The President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee

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## Committee Member Biography

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**Gary Smith**  
**President, Director, and Chief Executive Officer**  
**Ciena Corporation**

Mr. Gary Smith began serving as chief executive officer (CEO) of Ciena Corporation in May 2001, in addition to his existing responsibilities as president and director, positions he has held since October 2000. Mr. Smith joined the company in 1997 as vice president of international sales, and has since held various roles, including chief operating officer and senior vice president for worldwide sales. Prior to Ciena, he worked at Intelsat General Corporation and Cray Communications, Inc. Mr. Smith serves on the board of directors for Avaya, Inc., and CommVault Systems, Inc. He is a member of the Wall Street Journal CEO Council; a commissioner for the Global Information Infrastructure Commission; serves on the Wake Forest University Advisory Council for the Center for Innovation, Creativity, and Entrepreneurship; and participates in initiatives with the Center for Corporate Innovation. Mr. Smith received his master's degree in business administration from Ashridge Management College, United Kingdom.

