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New CEO joins Pacific Engineering Incorporated...10 July 2023

Pacific Engineering Inc. (PEI), an engineering design services, product development, prototyping and manufacturer of complex, high strength, light weight, composite and metal components located just outside Lincoln, NE is proud to announce Mr. Jimmy D. Smith, a recently retired Senior Executive Service member from the Department of the Navy, has joined their team as the Chief Executive Officer.

Smith joins the C-suite executive leadership team of Rear Admiral Osie V. Combs Jr., USN (Ret.), President, and Mr. Don L. Myers, Chief Financial Officer.

From 2019 through early 2023, Smith served as the Small Business Director for the Department of the Navy. He served as the Chief Advisor to the Secretary of the Navy on all small business matters. Smith was charged with overseeing small business acquisition policy; strengthening government and private sector partnerships; and fostering opportunities to leverage small businesses as a strategic advantage for the benefit of our warfighters.

In 2017, Smith served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Expeditionary Programs & Logistics Management. He served as the Principal Advisor to the Commandant of the United States Marine Corps and the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition on matters related to the Expeditionary Force, delivering upon urgent warfighter needs, and overseeing acquisition logistics policy.

In 2013, Smith served as the Director for Integrated Nuclear Weapons Safety and Security within the U.S. Navy's Strategic Systems Programs. In this capacity, he was charged with the safekeeping of nearly 70% of this Nation's nuclear arsenal. He executed technical authority by providing nuclear safety and security policies and direction to more than 4,500 government and industry personnel. He also oversaw the U.S. Navy's nuclear weapon inspection and nuclear personnel readiness program. During his tenure, Smith delivered the U.S. Navy's first and only underground nuclear weapon production and storage facility and awarded the first life cycle support contract for the nuclear weapon safety and security program.

In 2010, Smith was selected to the Senior Executive Service. He served then as the Director for the Above Water Sensors within the Program Executive Office for Integrated Warfare Systems. There he led programmatic efforts focused on planning, developing, acquiring, testing, and sustaining cost-effective warfare systems for all U.S. Navy surface ships, aircraft carriers and submarines (164 acquisition programs of record).

Other notable positions Smith served in included: Executive Director for Undersea Technology; Deputy Program Manager for the Ohio Class Guided Missile Submarine (SSGN) Program; Construction Manager, Test & Evaluation Manager, and Environmental Manager for the VIRGINIA (SSN 774) Class Submarine Program.

Smith received a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering, in 1990, from Tuskegee University. Graduate-level studies included Environmental Engineering, Marine Engineering, and Business Management. He also possesses four executive leadership certificates from the Cornell University School of Industrial and Labor Relations and two executive business certificates from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill-Kenan-Flagler Business School.

### *Vision and Opportunity....*

Smith stated, "...the impressive leadership team and business history attracted me to this company, but it was PEI's future expansion plans and promise to increase jobs that inspired me to join this company. The positive impact that we're going to make on peoples' lives is tremendous."

Given the pace of change ahead, the addition of Mr. Smith coupled with Rear Admiral Combs' extensive expertise in Navy systems technology, PEI is well-positioned to lead and expand upon current Department of Defense (DoD) initiatives for the Defense Industrial Base using Small Business to increase capacity, save money and improve effectiveness. "Although separate titles, says retired Rear Admiral Combs, president, we work together seamlessly as equal partners."

Through technological advances in composite design, engineering, and manufacturing, PEI is here to serve the community and exceed customer expectations through the products and services it delivers.