



Brian Fields is the vice president of Business Transformation for Newport News Shipbuilding, a division of Huntington Ingalls Industries. Named to this position in 2015, Fields is responsible for transforming all aspects of the business to be more agile and efficient with a special focus on people, technology and culture. In this role, he oversees all direct planning, supply chain planning and production control functions across the organization. This includes managing the Navy program work plans, reconciling workforce and capacity planning, and setting the pace for execution across the company. He is also responsible for the standardization of tools, planning processes and reporting metrics, as well as the Common Integrated Work Package (CiWP) effort to provide digital data to construction teams.



Fields most recently served as vice president of Supply Chain Management and was responsible for sourcing and procurement, logistics and inventory control, transportation, and material operations across the organization. He has also served as director of the Gerald R. Ford aircraft carrier construction program, where he was responsible for managing ship design, manufacturing and construction efforts, including oversight of budget, schedule, technical details and contract performance. Prior to working as the Ford program director, Fields served in several engineering leadership positions, including responsibility for designing the Ford reactor and steam plant systems.

Fields began his career with the company as a test engineer in the Los Angeles-class submarine construction program. He has a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Auburn University and a master's degree in business administration from the College of William and Mary. He is active in the community, serving on the board of directors for the Jamestown Yorktown Foundation and coaching in local youth sports leagues.

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 20,000 people, many of whom are third and fourth generation shipbuilders.