

Aniza Brown

Catalyst Campus for Technology & Innovation, Executive Director

As Executive Director of Catalyst Campus for Technology & Innovation in Ogden, Utah, Aniza leads the initiative to create a collaborative ecosystem where industry, academia, small business, workforce training, entrepreneurs, startups and venture capitalist intersect with Utah's aerospace and defense industry. In this role, she is collaborating with the State of Utah, City of Ogden, Weber State University, Silicon Slopes, DOD and small businesses to create a sense of community, spark innovation, and stimulate business growth. Catalyst Campus provides the infrastructure for small business to support the rapid innovation of technology to solve operational needs for the warfighter.

Previously, Mrs. Brown served as the Head of Northrop Grumman's Ground Based Strategic Deterrent's (GBSD's) Agile Transformation Task Force. She served as liaison between Northrop Grumman, the Air Force, and Suppliers on technology modernization opportunities. In this role, she led the initiative to break down communication barriers by migrating towards a cloud infrastructure that enabled collaborative development. She drove agile methodologies and tools into each GBSD segment for increased efficiency.

Mrs. Brown also worked as the Chief of Corporate Transformation and Federal Women's Program Manager for the Ogden Air Logistics Complex, Hill Air Force Base, Utah. Mrs. Brown was responsible for creating a culture of strategic collaboration, innovation, and efficiency. She served as the liaison between the Air Force Enterprise, Hill Air Force Base, and State of Utah on workforce requirement strategies. She established collaborative partnerships with Silicon Slopes, federal agencies, state and local government, academic institutions, private sector employers, and community leaders. She developed and led the initiative to deploy innovation centers across the state of Utah, with a mission to drive innovation, a culture change towards cross functional teams, increased employment opportunities, implementing Agile/DevSecOps for F-35 and F-16 teams. She also led the civilian workforce strategy team which coordinates Hill AFB activities in established HR policy, app development and deployment of HR tools across the Air Force, workforce analysis, nationwide strategic recruiting, branding, social media, mentoring, TEDx events, professional development, and retention initiatives.

As the Federal Women's Program Manager, she served as the subject matter expert on employment needs and barriers for women as they relate to federal employment policies and practices. In this position, she advised senior leadership on the status, progress and concerns of women on the installation. Mrs. Brown was responsible for coordinating recruiting locations and events, committee meetings, special monthly emphasis group activities, etc. Each year she analyzed base statistics that detail the hiring and promotion activities for Hill AFB and worked on policy changes that could remove any barriers to entry affecting women at Hill Air Force Base. In addition, she worked with the Pentagon to change DOD wide policies on barriers that affect women in the workforce.

EDUCATION:

Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ
Master of Science in System Engineering, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ

BOARD POSITIONS:

Silicon Slopes Aerospace and Defense, Chairwoman 2021 to present	October
Ogden Airport Advisory Board, Board Member 2021 to present	October

Ogden Silicon Slopes, Chairwoman
2021 to present
Women Tech Council, Board Member
2020 to present

October

August