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Darin Hightchew is the DevSecOps Solutions director for Software Systems, Cyber and Operations (S2CO), the software-focused organization within the Engineering & Technology function of Lockheed Martin's Space business area. S2CO includes programs ranging from satellite ground systems, mission analytics and operations, software engineering, cybersecurity engineering and field system operations. In this role, Darin is responsible for leading several Lockheed Martin Space teams, including Cyber System Security Engineering, Architecture & Intelligence Analysis, Software Factory, Core Data, Model Based Engineering/Model Based Systems Engineering (MBE/MBSE) and Augmented Reality, supporting multiple programs.

Darin previously served as the senior program manager for the Space Command and Control Battle Management (Space C2BM) efforts within the Operational Command and Control (OC2) division of Lockheed Martin's Rotary and Mission Systems business. Within Space C2BM, Darin was responsible for the overall management of major aspects of the Space Fence program's mission subsystem software capabilities; development of the Integrated Sensor Support Service (IS3) application(s); supporting the National Space Defense Center (NSDC) commercial Space Situational Awareness (SSA) efforts; and managing product development, marketing and sale of intelligent Space (iSpace) for both commercial and military use.

In addition to leading the Space C2BM efforts, Darin also served as senior program manager for both domestic and international Air Command and Control (C2) activities supporting air mission planning and tasking for domestic and coalition air forces located within Air Operations Centers domestic and abroad. Darin also served as a release manager and chief information assurance architect supporting the Air, Missile and Space Warning missions of the Combatant Commanders Integrated Command and Control System (CCIC2s).

Darin served in the U.S. Air Force from 1986-1995 both in the United States and abroad. His final assignment was to provide management of all technical and programmatic security aspects during creation, stand up and operations of the Space Warfare Center at Schriever Air Force Base, in Colorado.

Darin earned a Master's degree in Computer Science with an emphasis in Computer Systems' Security from Colorado Technical University. He also holds an undergraduate degree in Business Management.

Darin is a Lockheed Martin Level 2 Certified Program Manager and has been an active Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP) since 2001.