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Dean Acosta is senior vice president and chief communications officer for Lockheed Martin Corporation. He leads global communications strategies and activities across the four business areas and internationally, and provides strategic communications counsel to the corporation's senior executives.

Acosta has been with the company since May 2019 and his responsibilities include overseeing the corporation's media relations, executive and employee communications, marketing communications, community relations and visual communications strategies and programs. He also directs issues management and crisis communications, and leads philanthropy initiatives that enhance the corporation's reputation as a good corporate citizen.

Acosta has almost three decades of experience in communications and journalism, with much of it spent leading corporate communications teams, in the technology, energy and aerospace and defense sectors. Most recently, he served as vice president and chief communications officer for Resideo, a smart home technology company, where he led employee and executive communications, media relations, social media and public affairs.

Prior to that, Acosta was vice president of Global Communications for two of Honeywell's businesses, and he also served as Phillips 66's global head of Corporate Communications. His career includes communications director roles at Lockheed Martin and Boeing. He also served as press secretary for NASA in the aftermath of the space shuttle Columbia disaster and through the shuttle program's return to flight. He began his career as an award-winning print and broadcast journalist.

Acosta serves on the board of the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at San Antonio and his master's degree in strategic communication and leadership from Seton Hall University.