



Charlene Wheelless is vice president of Communications for the Intelligence and Information Systems (IIS) business of Raytheon Company and Site Executive for the business's facility in Falls Church, Va.

As vice president of Communications since 2004, Wheelless oversees all public relations, advertising, media relations, marketing communications, employee communications, and community relations for the \$3.1 billion business.

In 2005, Wheelless' responsibilities were expanded to include Site Executive for the company's location in Falls Church, Va. In this role, Wheelless is responsible for oversight of the 700,000 square foot facility, which houses approximately 1,400 Raytheon employees.

Prior to joining Raytheon, Wheelless was senior vice president of Global Communications and Marketing for American Management Systems (AMS), a technology and consulting company, where she was responsible for all aspects of the global communications program.

Wheelless joined AMS from DynCorp, where she was a corporate officer and vice president of Corporate Communications for one of the nation's largest employee-owned technology and service providers.

Biography

Throughout her career, Wheelless has led teams that have received awards from numerous professional organizations, including the International Association of Business Communicators, the International Academy of the Visual Arts, and the Telly Awards.

In 2008, Wheelless was named a "Woman Worth Watching" by *Profiles in Diversity* magazine and a "Women Who Mean Business" honoree by *The Washington Business Journal*. In 2007, Wheelless was a recipient of the annual Raytheon CEO Award given in recognition of outstanding performance by the Raytheon Chairman and CEO.

Wheelless is also an active member of her community. She is the chairman of Fairfax Futures, a nonprofit organization dedicated to raising funds and developing programs to strengthen early childhood education in Fairfax County, Va. Additionally, she is an incoming member of the Board of Directors for Women in Aviation.

Wheelless graduated from New Mexico State University with a bachelor's degree in journalism and public relations. She earned a master's degree in public communications at American University in Washington, D.C., and is a candidate for a master's of business administration from the Keller Graduate School of Management.