



Biography

Charlene A. Wheeless is vice president of communications for the Intelligence and Information Systems business of Raytheon Company. She oversees public relations, advertising, media relations, marketing communications, employee communications, and community relations for IIS locations throughout the world. Wheeless is based at Falls Church, Va.

Prior to joining Raytheon, Wheeless was senior vice president of global communications and marketing for American Management Systems where she was responsible for all aspects of the AMS global communications program, including brand management, media relations, advertising, marketing communications, internal communications, and industry relations, as well as sales administration and management of the company's customer communications program.

Wheeless 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. She first joined DynCorp in 1991 and served until 1995 as corporate communications manager. She left to become director of

employee communications at PRC Inc. in McLean, Va. She rejoined DynCorp 14 months later as a senior executive and became a corporate officer in 2000.

In her career, Wheeless has garnered more than 40 awards for communications excellence. Additionally, she is a frequent speaker at international communications and management conferences on excellence in public relations and communications, and currently serves on the editorial board of the *Journal of Employee Communications Management*.

Wheeless is an active member of her community, where she has served on various committees and boards. She is a member of the board for the Greater Reston Arts Center and on the board of advisors for the Northern Virginia Community Foundation.

Wheeless 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 an M.B.A. from Keller Graduate School of Management.