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Biography

Rebecca R. Rhoads is a Raytheon Company vice president, president of the Global Business Services (GBS) group and chief information officer. Raytheon Company (NYSE: RTN), with 2012 sales of \$24 billion and 68,000 employees worldwide, is a technology and innovation leader specializing in defense, security and civil markets throughout the world. Raytheon's global headquarters is in Waltham, Mass.

Rhoads was appointed president of Raytheon's Global Business Services (GBS) group in December 2013. The GBS group was established in January 2013, to expand common business operations across the company's enterprise service delivery areas, including sectors of Raytheon's supply chain management, finance, Information Technology (IT), human resources and advanced media functions.

Rhoads has served as chief information officer since April 2001. In this role, she provides expert counsel to senior management, and is responsible for Information Technology strategy, functions, processes, and people companywide and globally. This includes IT architecture, systems, networks, investments, information protection and assurance, and IT supplier relationships. Information Technology is used in the sale, design, build, procurement, delivery and support of all Raytheon products and services.

Previously, Rhoads was vice president of Information Technology for Raytheon's Electronics Systems business. In this role, she was responsible for all aspects of Information Technology in support of business requirements, including development, direction and implementation of segment-wide information systems. Prior to that position, she directed engineering organizations in test systems design, systems reliability, safety and product effectiveness engineering, and manufacturing engineering.

Rhoads has more than 34 years of experience within the defense industry. She began her career with General Dynamics in 1979 as an electrical engineer, designing automated test systems for RAM and Stinger missile programs. She worked in Engineering and Operations, holding various assignments of increasing responsibility at General Dynamics, Hughes and Raytheon. In addition, Rhoads taught electrical engineering classes at California Polytechnic University in Pomona, Calif.

Rhoads currently serves on the Aerospace Industries Association e-Business Executive Steering Group, the CIO Editorial Advisory Board, the IBM Advisory Council for CIO Center for Leadership, the Massachusetts Technology Leadership Council and is a Massachusetts Institute of Technology Center for Information Systems Research sponsor.

Rhoads was recognized as no. 6 on ExecRank's list of Top 50 Female CIOs for 2012. Throughout her career, she has also received numerous other awards and recognition, including: Corporate America Top 100 Influential Leaders, CIO Hall of Fame, Women to Watch, Women of Distinction, Top 50 Women in Technology and California Polytechnic University Engineering Distinguished Alumni. She was also named Boston's most powerful woman in technology on Boston.com in February 2012.

Rhoads has bachelor's and master's degrees in electrical engineering from California Polytechnic University. She also holds a master's degree in the executive management program from the University of California at Los Angeles Anderson Graduate School of Business Management.