

## **Biographical Sketch for JAMES A. LEFTWICH**

Jim Leftwich is the Vice President, Aerospace, Defense and Technology at the Dayton Development Coalition. He is responsible for executing Coalition business recruitment, retention, expansion, and advocacy programs for the Region's defense installations and companies supporting them. Mr. Leftwich was instrumental in securing a successful outcome for the Dayton Region in the 2005 Base Closure and Realignment (BRAC) proceedings which saw the region gain and retain nearly 10000 jobs. He works today to ensure the successful implementation of the 2005 BRAC law.

After graduating from the Air Force Academy in 1987, Mr. Leftwich entered the Air Force where he served over 8 years as a logistics officer. He had various assignments and concluded his career as a staff officer at the Pentagon. In 1995 he left the Air Force and joined Synergy Corporation where he served in various roles including program management and business development. In 1999, Jim joined the Rand Corporation as a research analyst where he formulated, conducted and directed research to evaluate new logistics concepts, procedures, and systems needed to support military forces in force projection scenarios. He lead several efforts including the evaluation of organizational structure changes and policies for logistics command and control that today are serving as a guide for logistics command and control transformation. In 2003 he left Rand and returned to the defense industry where he served as the Director of Logistics Business Development for the GRACAR Corporation. While there, he developed, directed and executed strategic planning and business development activities for Logistics, Commercial, and Enterprise Solution business divisions. He was instrumental in leading growth of company from \$6.1M to \$12.8M over two years. In 2004, the company was recognized by *Inc* magazine as number 373 of the fastest growing 500 companies in the country. He remained at GRACAR until 2005 when he assumed his current position at the Dayton Development Coalition.

Mr. Leftwich has a B.S. in Political Science from United States Air Force Academy and a Master of Public Administration from University of Dayton. He has also completed Business Graduate Studies at Old Dominion University. Additionally, he completed the Secretary of Defense Executive Leadership Development Program in 1995. Jim has authored several publications and refereed articles in the areas of logistics, command and control and supply chain management.

Jim resides in Bellbrook, Oh, with his wife Lynne and their two children, Halie and Drew.