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Previous positions at McDonnell Douglas include corporate vice president of Technology; senior vice president, Advanced Systems and Technology, Phantom Works; vice president and general manager, New Aircraft and Missile Products; and senior vice president, New Aircraft and Missile Products.

Sinnett joined McDonnell Aircraft Company in 1962 as a test engineer working on the development of Project Mercury, and advanced through a series of increasingly responsible assignments. He served on study panels for the Naval Research Advisory Committee on Modeling and Simulation, Ship to Warfighter Logistics for Small Unit Operations, Information Technology Interoperability, and Global Positioning Satellite Vulnerability. He is currently vice-chairman of the Naval Research Advisory Committee. He also served on the Defense Science Board Task Force Study for Joint Advanced Strike Technology, Vertical Supplier Integration, and Open Systems Architecture.

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Sinnett is a program management course graduate of the Defense Systems Management College and was awarded the professional degree of Aerospace Engineer from the University of Missouri-Rolla. He is a graduate of Parks College and holds a bachelor's degree in aeronautical engineering and a master's degree in engineering mechanics-research from St. Louis University.

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