

## Access to Experts



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Dr. Pat French is a program manager in the Boeing Company. She has over 25 years experience in the aerospace industry, having worked in defense, commercial, civil, and intelligence. She completed her doctoral dissertation with a study of Boeing virtual organizations and is now responsible for defining the policies, procedures, and guidance in virtual organizations and virtual work throughout the Boeing Company. Dr. French is an industry expert in the key tenets of effective virtual organizations and virtual workers. A virtual organization is a program that is dispersed across multiple geographic sites. A virtual worker, or telecommuter, is an individual who works from an alternate work location such as a home office or a hoteling center.

Dr. French has held technical positions of program manager, program integration lead, systems engineering director, test manager, business manager, new business development lead, and many additional roles in the aerospace industry. Dr. French's perspective comes from the practitioner side of virtual organizations – how can programs best leverage virtual work. She has been with Boeing since 2000 and was with Northrop Grumman prior to that. Dr. French has held key roles on Air Force, Army, NASA, intelligence, and commercial programs. In addition she has held roles in functional disciplines where she was responsible for the people, processes, and tools used throughout the enterprise.

Dr. French holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Cincinnati, a Master of Business Administration from Bradley University, and a Doctorate in Leadership from Argosy University.

Pat's passion outside of work is golf. You will often see her carrying her golf clubs to the various Boeing locations to catch a round of golf with her peers.

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