

# Robert Gorham

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Rob Gorham is Co-Founder and Chief Executive of BlueForge Alliance (BFA), a 501c3 established to integrate and execute U.S. Navy efforts that strengthen and sustain the submarine industrial base (SIB) and the broader maritime manufacturing sector. In this capacity, Gorham is responsible for ensuring the submarine industrial base has the capability, capacity, and resilience to build and maintain the Nation's critical undersea presence.



Prior to BFA, he served as the Executive Director of The SecureAmerica Institute for the Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station (TEES) where he was responsible for development and execution of strategic manufacturing initiatives. He also led the SecureAmerica Institute, a \$50M private-public partnership converging technology, economics, and policy to enable a secure and resilient U.S. manufacturing and industrial base through applied research, education and workforce development (EWD), and technology transition.

He previously served as the Executive Director of America Makes, the National Additive Manufacturing Innovation Institute at the National Center for Defense Manufacturing and Machining (NCDMM). In this position, Gorham was responsible for execution of the \$400M, Department of Defense (DOD) sponsored, public-private partnership charged with advancing the adoption of 3D Printing and Additive Manufacturing technologies within the United States. Prior to joining America Makes, he was Senior Manager of the Manufacturing Exploration and Development Group at Lockheed Martin Aeronautics – Advanced Development Programs, also known as The Skunk Works. In this position, Gorham was responsible for leading the transition-focused development and application of affordable manufacturing technologies for Lockheed Martin.

He holds a B.S. in Aerospace Engineering from Texas A&M University and a M.S. in Engineering Management from Southern Methodist University.