

## **Michael F. Beach**

Mr. Beach is a graduate of the University of Utah where he received a Bachelor degree in Communications, and was immediately commissioned as an officer in the United States Navy. He served 4 years of active duty including involvement in the invasion of Panama, the Exxon-Valdez oil spill cleanup, and Desert Shield / Desert Storm. Most of his time in the Navy was spent as the Communications Officer on the USS Duluth (LPD-6).

Mr. Beach spent the next 7 years as Director of Operations for NSN Network Services in Colorado. At this company he helped design and install integrated satellite and terrestrial communications networks all over the world.

Joining Nebraska Educational Telecommunications (NET) in 1998 as Chief Engineer for Network Operations, he was responsible for all the distance learning, teleconferencing, broadcast and cable systems operated by NET across the state of Nebraska. He now serves as the Assistant General Manager and Director of Engineering. In this position, he is responsible for all engineering related aspects of NET.

Mr. Beach was awarded the Distinguished Naval Graduate award from the University of Utah, a Navy Achievement Medal from the United States Navy, and has been listed in Strathmore's Who's Who in American Business. He is a member of the Institute for Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), the IEEE Communications Society, and the Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers (SMPTE). He also serves on the Engineering Council of the National Educational Telecommunications Association.