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Michael Hardesty is corporate vice president, controller and chief accounting officer for Northrop Grumman, responsible for the company’s accounting policies and operations.

In his role as controller and chief accounting officer, Hardesty serves as a financial advisor to senior management and the audit committee of the corporation’s board of directors. He leads all aspects of corporate accounting operations including maintenance and enforcement of corporate accounting policies and procedures in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and Securities and Exchange Commission requirements, ensuring the integrity of the company’s financial data and reporting. He also ensures appropriate accounting practices and strong internal controls over financial reporting, and provides critical accountability for operational finance leadership across the company.

Previously, Hardesty was vice president of business management and chief financial officer (CFO) for Northrop Grumman’s Information Systems sector, where he was responsible for all sector business management areas encompassing finance, accounting, contracts, pricing, procurement, regulatory and export compliance, real estate and facilities.

Since joining Northrop Grumman in 2004, Hardesty has held leadership positions at the corporate and sector levels, including vice president, internal audit for the corporation, and vice president and CFO of the company’s Enterprise Shared Services and Information Technology Solutions organizations.

Before joining Northrop Grumman, he spent 10 years with Deloitte & Touche, attaining the level of audit senior manager.

Hardesty earned a bachelor’s degree in accounting from the University of Southern California and is a certified public accountant.

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