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The William States Lee College of Engineering  
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## **Industrial and Technology Management Seminars**

EMGT 6980

Dr. Gary Teng

5:30 pm – 6:20 pm, 9/27/04 (Monday)  
Cameron Applied Research Center, Room 101

### **The Relocation of General Dynamics Armament and Technical Products to Charlotte**

Linda Hudson  
President

**General Dynamics Armament and Technical Products**

Linda Hudson was elected as an officer and vice president of General Dynamics in May, 1999 and was concurrently appointed President, General Dynamics Armament and Technical Products in Burlington, Vermont. In September of 2003, the company offices were relocated to Charlotte, NC. Prior to her current assignment, Ms. Hudson was Vice President, Business Development at General Dynamics corporate headquarters in Falls Church, Virginia. Assuming this position in August 1997, Ms. Hudson was responsible for developing and implementing new business growth strategies across the corporation.

Ms. Hudson served as President, General Dynamics Ordnance Systems, from April 1992 through July 1997. As the chief operating officer of this wholly owned subsidiary, Ms. Hudson managed a broad range of products and operated a government-owned manufacturing facility. While in this position, corporate ownership of the subsidiary transferred from Martin Marietta to Lockheed Martin and was then acquired by General Dynamics in 1996.

In November 1985, Ms. Hudson joined Martin Marietta in Orlando, Florida. She held a variety of positions there including Director, Air Defense Production Operations and Program Director, Electro Optical Systems before being appointed to head the Ordnance Corporation in 1992. At Ford Aerospace and Communications Corporation in Newport Beach, California, Ms. Hudson started as a Reliability Engineer in 1976. She became the division's Quality Assurance Manager in 1979 and assumed the position of Program Manager, Air Defense Systems in 1984.

Ms. Hudson began her career in 1972 at the Harris Corporation in Melbourne, Florida as a Research and Development Engineer, specializing in satellite and communication systems. She progressed to a Senior Engineering position in 1974 in Reliability Design Analysis and Component Failure Analysis. A graduate of the University of Florida, Ms. Hudson received her bachelor's degree, with honors, in Systems Engineering. She remains active in the alumni and athletic associations of the University and has served on an advisory board for the College of Engineering. Selected by the National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA), Ms. Hudson served as a member of the Industrial Committee for Ammunition Producers and she has been retained by the U.S. Government as an expert on industrial base issues and defense reutilization.

Ms. Hudson has been active in the communities where she has lived. She currently serves on the board of Norwich University, Vermont, and since moving to Charlotte, she has joined the boards of the United Way of Central Carolinas and the Charlotte Research Institute.