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Stan Soloway is President & CEO of Celero Strategies, LLC, a Washington-based consultancy focused on the federal market for technology and professional services.

Soloway is widely considered one of the nation's leading experts on the federal marketplace and federal government contracting. Over the last 25 years, he has developed a reputation for his incisive analyses, his deep understanding of the intersections of policy and mission, and his ability to translate that expertise into meaningful actions and strategies. Moreover, he has played a central role in addressing some of the most significant changes, challenges and policies that have impacted the marketplace over the last three decades. He has advised leaders on the acquisition and technology reforms of the 1990s, the post 9/11 environment, wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, Hurricane Katrina, the Edward Snowden case, ACA rollout, dozens of legislative and regulatory initiatives, OPM data breach, and the rapidly changing role of technology in the delivery of government missions and services.

From January 2001 to December, 2015, Stan served as the President & CEO of the Professional Services Council, the largest national association of government technology and professional services firms. Under his leadership, PSC grew more than 300%, greatly expanded its reach and portfolio, and became clearly established as the most influential association of its kind.

Stan was the recipient of the 2016 CES Government Technology Leadership Award and, in 2015, was inducted into the Greater Washington Government Contractor Hall of Fame. He also was named the IT Industry Executive of the Year in 2013 by Government Computer News; has annually been named one of the 100 most influential business leaders in Washington by the Washington Business Journal; and is one of the 100 most influential figures in national defense by Defense News and Gannett. He is a two time winner of the Federal 100 Award.

While at PSC, Stan regularly testified before Congress, wrote nearly 150 columns for Washington Technology, the Washington Business Journal and Government Executive magazine; appeared often on radio and television; and was one of the most sought after speakers on the government marketplace for government and corporate audiences alike. He also has been a contributing author for books published by Cambridge University, Harvard Law School, the University of Pennsylvania, and the IBM Center for the Business of Government. He continues to write regularly for both Government Executive and Washington Technology.

Prior to joining PSC, Stan served as the Deputy Undersecretary of Defense during the Clinton Administration. In that position he was responsible for wide-ranging reforms to defense acquisition and technology policy and practices, and broader department-wide re-engineering. In recognition of his leadership in the defense department, Stan was awarded both the Secretary of Defense Medal for Exceptional Public Service and the Secretary of Defense Medal for Distinguished Public Service. Earlier in his career he was a public policy and public affairs consultant for nearly 20 years. He also co-produced the acclaimed PBS series "Great Confrontations at the Oxford Union."