Kent Statler
President, Avionics
Collins Aerospace

Kent Statler heads the Avionics business for Collins Aerospace, based in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. In this role, he is responsible for advancing aviation electronics and information management solutions in the flight deck and cabin for commercial and military customers around the world.

He brings more than 30 years of experience to his current position at Collins Aerospace. Kent was most recently executive vice president and chief operating officer for Rockwell Collins’ Commercial Systems division (2010-18), as well as executive vice president of Services (2005-10) and senior vice president of Operations (2003-05), among other previously held leadership roles.

With his customer-driven mindset and passion for collaborating across organizations, Kent has led key milestone accomplishments throughout his career. His many noteworthy accomplishments include top honors for customer service from the world’s largest original equipment manufacturers; major avionics wins across high-growth, next-generation air transport platforms; and the introduction of transformational technologies in the flight deck and cabin.

Kent continues this focus at Collins Aerospace, where he is responsible for bringing teams together to provide safer, more connected and intelligent solutions to a broad range of aircraft platforms.

A native of Waverly, Iowa, Kent earned a B.S. degree in manufacturing management and economics from the University of Northern Iowa and an MBA degree in 1998 from the University of Iowa. In addition to being a member of the Tippie Advisory Board, he is director for the General Aviation Manufacturers Association (GAMA), a trustee for Big Brothers Big Sisters, and a trustee for Kirkwood Community College.