

# Dennis A. Wijers

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## Summary

Technology and technical program leader with experience delivering complex space, cloud, cybersecurity, AI, and secure data capabilities across Amazon, Microsoft, the Department of Defense, and the Intelligence Community. Leads programs from strategy and architecture through cross-functional execution and scaled operations, spanning satellite communications, sovereign cloud, privileged access security, and mission-critical infrastructure.

## Experience

### Amazon Arlington, VA

#### Senior Technical Program Manager, SATCOM Field Operations, Amazon Leo Government November 2025 - Present

- Designed and currently lead implementation of the government support-platform architecture for Amazon Leo, integrating 5+ systems and identity layers across Amazon Connect, ServiceNow, Leo Console, internal case-management tooling, and backend identity services into a unified support environment.
- Lead cross-functional delivery across 2 engineering teams and 10 developers, translating 150+ business and technical requirements into prioritized capabilities, system integrations, and end-to-end support workflows.
- Operationalized Kiro and MCP-integrated tooling to transform static program artifacts into interactive internal program-management sites with schedules, Gantt charts, test plans, milestone tracking, and workstream status, contributing to approximately 3x productivity and 10+ hours saved per week.

#### Senior Technical Program Manager, Foundational Security Services May 2025 – November 2025

- Led enterprise expansion of auditable just-in-time privileged access controls across AWS commercial, government, and disconnected cloud regions, improving the approval, monitoring, and auditing of engineer SSH access while reducing standing permissions and exposure to customer data.
- Built financial reporting and forecasting for 14 infrastructure fleets spanning 200+ AWS services and a \$6M annual budget, enabling directors and engineering leaders to manage costs, evaluate usage, and prioritize infrastructure investments.

### Microsoft Reston, VA

#### Director, Strategic Ventures October 2023 – May 2025

- Directed strategy for autonomous AI, quantum computing, and secure cloud initiatives across the DoD, Intelligence Community, and U.S. National Laboratories, translating mission needs into product requirements, technical investment priorities, and go-to-market strategies that contributed to 3 contracts and \$20M in revenue.
- Developed a \$2.3B AI market opportunity assessment spanning 7 national laboratories and 13 priority offices, while evaluating global quantum-computing markets to guide product, partnership, and investment decisions.
- Assessed 24 Major Defense Acquisition Programs for autonomous AI and secure cloud adoption, shaping Microsoft Federal's technical strategy, customer engagement, and defense-market priorities.

#### Senior Product Manager, Office 365 May 2021 – October 2023

- Led product and engineering delivery of Microsoft Teams and Office Online in sovereign federal cloud environments, prioritizing 1,200 service dependencies and closing 90% of deployment-parity gaps.
- Designed and executed a 10-week cybersecurity assessment with customer penetration-testing teams, driving remediation and supporting authorization to operate for two sovereign cloud environments.
- Secured and managed a \$24M incident-management support contract across two U.S. Government cloud environments, strengthening operational resilience and compliance.
- Led executive quarterly reviews across 9 Office 365 products, translating SLA and service-health performance into engineering priorities for government cloud environments.

### Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) Chantilly, VA

#### System Engineer Principal, Overhead Persistent Infrared (OPIR) Architecture October 2020 – May 2021

- Led architecture studies across the U.S. Space Force, Missile Defense Agency, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA), and Intelligence Community to define next-generation satellite ground-processing systems and cloud-based management services, with findings informing NGA's Moonshot strategy for modernizing GEOINT delivery.
- Assessed cost, performance, and architecture tradeoffs across legacy data-dissemination systems, developing a modernization strategy to support projected DoD data growth and scale operational capacity by 10x.

### U.S. Air Force, National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) - Rank: Captain Chantilly, VA

#### Program Manager / COTR, Real-Time Satellite Data Dissemination Service (RTS) November 2017 – October 2020

- Integrated OPIR satellite data, including 15 non-traditional Intelligence Community and DoD feeds, into the RTS platform, increasing mission data available to enterprise users and downstream analytics by 38% while meeting cross-domain security requirements.
- Managed a 55-person team responsible for the development, operation, and sustainment of a \$50M+ real-time satellite data portfolio serving more than 80 DoD and Intelligence Community programs.
- Led the 0-to-1 development and delivery of a \$10M satellite data dissemination platform for U.S. missile defense, integrating real-time data across security domains through the TS/SCI level and doubling global customer access.
- Secured and executed a \$26M follow-on software contract that expanded the platform into the missile defense mission's first cloud-enabled secure data dissemination capability.

**U.S. Air Force, Global Positioning Systems Directorate (GPS) – Rank: Captain  
Deputy Chief of Staff**

**Los Angeles, CA**

April 2017 – November 2017

- Advised the GPS Program Management Office Director on strategic planning, investment tradeoffs, and procurement decisions across a \$32B satellite navigation portfolio.
- Developed and drove stakeholder alignment around a \$100M portfolio reallocation strategy that closed a critical GPS encryption funding gap and redirected resources toward Air Force Space Command priorities.

**Space Program Executive Officer (PEO) Staff Director**

April 2016 – April 2017

- Directed acquisition, contracting, financial, and congressional coordination across major GPS programs, integrating technical requirements, schedules, milestone decisions, and portfolio investments.
- Aligned budget, requirements, and legislative stakeholders around the funding strategy for the \$1.9B next-generation GPS satellite program, enabling full-funding approval.
- Developed and advanced the continuation strategy for the \$5.6B GPS OCX mission-management system, aligning program leadership and oversight stakeholders to secure continued DoD and congressional support.

**Program Manager, Nuclear Detonation Detection Ground System**

June 2014 – April 2016

- Managed development and sustainment of a \$20M annual nuclear detonation detection system across 9 global sites, coordinating multi-agency security, operations, and modernization requirements.
- Embedded Risk Management Framework requirements into the next-generation system architecture, reducing projected costs by 20% while strengthening security and compliance.
- Delivered a \$3M multi-site modernization initiative 30 days ahead of schedule through cross-functional planning and execution.

**U.S. Air Force, Global Strike Command, Malmstrom Air Force Base – Rank: Captain  
Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) Combat Crew Commander**

**Great Falls, MT**

April 2010 – June 2014

- Led, mentored, and trained a 16-member nuclear operations team, ensuring 100% operational readiness for 50 Minuteman III ICBM systems, directly supporting national strategic deterrence objectives.

## Education

**New York University, Leonard N. Stern School of Business**

**New York, NY**

Executive MBA, Concentration in Strategy and Corporate Finance (Top 10% of Class)

July 2021

**University of Washington**

**Seattle, WA**

Bachelor of Arts, Economics

June 2009

## Core Competencies

Applied AI & Generative AI | AI-Assisted Software Development & Agentic Coding (Kiro, Claude, OpenAI, Amazon Q) | Agentic Workflow Automation | Cloud Infrastructure & Security (AWS, Azure) | Technical Program Leadership | Systems Engineering | Enterprise Platform Delivery | Operational Readiness & Mission Operations | Infrastructure Operations | Cross-Functional Engineering Leadership | Executive & Stakeholder Alignment | Product & Engineering Execution | Data & Systems Integration | Complex Program Delivery | Defense & Intelligence Systems | ISR, OPIR & Satellite Systems | Japanese (Conversational)