

# S-VE Graduate of Distinction

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Bob attended Cornell University's College of Engineering prior to enlisting in the U.S. Coast Guard. In 1984, he emerged as a software consultant, working as an adjunct professor at Miami-Dade Community College. In 1990 he entered the security industry as an advisory engineer at CASI-RUSCO. Bob was instrumental in the design and development of some of the largest security networks in the world, including Kennedy Space Center, Los Angeles International Airport, Dallas-Fort Worth Airport and dozens more.

In 2001, Bob and his wife founded Codebench, Inc., which focused on Federal government and transportation security credentials. By 2010, Codebench had developed the leading security solution for Federal agency credential verification. Codebench had developed a line of products that enabled security officers to instantly verify cardholders using biometrics as well as Public Key Infrastructure validation. In 2012, Codebench was acquired by Assa Abloy's HID Global, the most well-known security manufacturer in the world.

In 2016 Bob was Director at CertiPath, GSA FIPS 201 Evaluation Lab. Most recently, Bob works for the Federal government managing the product evaluation test lab for all security products that the Federal government procures.

Bob is a supporter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation of South Florida.