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**Biography:**

Mr. Sowder has over 50 years in the field of Ballistic Missile Defense. He retired from Boeing where he was the Test Director for the NMD/GMD Program. He was the Test and Evaluation IPT Lead that staffed, designed, and implemented the system-of-system flight and ground test activities.

Bill participated in the early BMD efforts from Nike Zeus, Nike-X, SAFEGUARD, Site Defense, LOAD, SDI, and GPALS, and helped pave the way to the recent GMD deployment. Bill graduated from Ohio State in 1954 with a Bachelor in Aeronautical Engineering, and from UAH in System Engineering in 1976.

