

Ellen Lord was appointed president and chief executive officer of Textron Systems, as well as a member of the Textron Executive Leadership Team, in 2012. In this role, she leads a multi-billion dollar business with a broad range of products and services supporting defense, homeland security, aerospace, infrastructure protection, and other customers around the world.

Prior to assuming her current position, Lord was senior vice president and general manager of Textron Defense Systems, now Weapon & Sensor Systems. Lord took over leadership of that business after serving three years as the senior vice president and general manager of AAI Corporation, now known as Textron Systems' Electronic Systems, Support Solutions and Unmanned Systems businesses.

Earlier in her career, Lord served as vice president of integration management for Textron Systems, in addition to other business and operations positions. Lord started her Textron career managing proprietary and patented plastics technology for Textron Automotive Technology Center in Dover, New Hampshire.

Lord earned a masters degree in chemistry from the University of New Hampshire, as well as a bachelor of arts in chemistry from Connecticut College. She also is a Textron Six Sigma certified Black Belt, specializing in Design for Six Sigma.

Lord is a member of the Center for a New American Security's Task Force on Strategy, Technology and the Global Defense Industry. She serves on the board of directors of the Maryland Business Roundtable for Education, U.S. India Business Council, the Defense Technology Initiative, the National Defense Industrial Association and the Massachusetts High Technology Council, Inc.