



**JIM CARDOSO**  
SENIOR DIRECTOR

Jim Cardoso is the Senior Director for the University of South Florida's Global and National Security Institute, assuming this role in July 2022.

Jim was previously the Senior Manager, Rotary Wing Programs for CAE Defense and Security. In this role, he planned, organized, staffed, managed, and controlled an assigned program area of over \$400M from management of proposals through program life cycles. From 2018-2021, he was Manager for U.S. Air Force Business Development at CAE USA. In this role, he was directly responsible for top-line growth of the company's USAF business portfolios, and opportunity owner for over \$900M in key strategic opportunities across the CAE USA enterprise.

Jim retired from the U.S. Air Force in 2018 as a Colonel, after a 30-year career as an officer and pilot. Over his career he served tours commanding the Air Force's first CV-22 squadron, the Special Operations Wing at Kirtland AFB overseeing all AFSOC and USAF Combat Rescue training, and the expeditionary Special Operations Wing conducting special operations aviation in Iraq and Afghanistan. He was an Initial Cadre pilot in the CV-22 Osprey, and as MH-53M Pave Low pilot led the successful combat search and rescue for the F-117 pilot shot down over Serbia in 1999, for which he was awarded the Silver Star. He also served two staff tours at US Special Operations Command, as the Aide-de-Camp to the Commander, USSOCOM, and later as the Director of the Global Mission Support Center.

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His final USAF assignment was as Commander and Professor of Aerospace Studies for Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) Detachment 158 at the University of South Florida, from 2014-2018.

Jim holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the U.S. Air Force Academy, and Master's Degrees in Strategic Studies from National Defense University and in Aviation Science from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.