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Dr. Renaldo M. Jensen joined the Innovision Technologies team, based in Novi, Michigan, in November of 2005. Innovision Technologies is an advanced sciences, engineering, and information technology firm, supporting Fortune 500 companies and technologically driven U.S. Government agencies such as NASA and the Department of Defense.

Previously, Dr. Jensen provided 27 years of dedicated service to Ford Motor Company. Dr. Jensen recently retired from his leadership position at Ford Motor Company's Supplier Diversity Development (SDD) program. During his first ten years at Ford Motor Company, Dr. Jensen headed up the Advanced Engineering and the Aerodynamic Departments. As the Director of Ford Motor Company's SDD program Dr. Jensen received several awards from such organizations as the National Minority Supplier Development Council (NMSDC) and the Women Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC). His extensive leadership experience includes serving on nine different Boards of Directors. He was also one of the initial eight inductees into the National Minority Business Hall of Fame. Additionally, Dr. Jensen was recently honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

A former U.S. Air Force officer, Dr. Jensen received his Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from Howard University in Washington, D.C. He has a Master's degree in Aerospace Engineering from the Air Force Institute of Technology in Dayton, Ohio, and earned a Doctorate in Aerospace-Mechanical Engineering from Purdue University in 1970.

During his 20 years with the U.S. Air Force, Dr. Jensen held several command and staff positions at the Pentagon. Additionally, he was an Assistant Professor of Aerospace-Mechanical Engineering at the Air Force Institute of Technology and held an adjunct professorship of Mechanical Engineering at Howard University. Dr. Jensen had attained the rank of Lieutenant Colonel when he left the service to join Ford Motor Company as the Principal Design Engineer of Aerodynamics in 1978.

At the Pentagon, in the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, Studies and Analysis, Dr. Jensen performed in-depth systems analysis of problems impacting the highest decision levels of the Air Force and the Department of Defense (DOD). He also briefed and advised high-level officials of the Air Staff, Army, Office of the Secretary of Defense, and other non-DOD associated offices on matters relating to programs of mutual interest.

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As a program engineering officer at the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Propulsion Laboratory overseeing the Dual-Mode Supersonic Combustion Ramjet Engine program, Dr. Jensen wrote Statements of Work, evaluated proposals, participated in source selection processes, worked closely with procurement operations and managed contractual efforts (hardware and computer software types).

While serving as an Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering, Aero-Mechanical Engineering Department, School of Engineering, Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT) at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, Dr. Jensen taught graduate (including doctoral level) courses in Propulsion, Engine Design, Quantum Mechanics, Physical Gas Dynamics, Heat Transfer, Thermodynamics, and Combustion, and conducted independent research in supersonic combustion and laser velocimeters.

Dr. Jensen is a member of the Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society, the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE), the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA), and The Combustion Institute.

Awards and Recognitions:

- 2006 – Dr. Renaldo Jensen received the “Fifty Influential Entrepreneurs in Business Award,” a national recognition, from the Minority Enterprise Executive Council.
- 2005 – Inaugural Inductee, Minority Business Hall of Fame & Museum, Minority Business Hall of Fame, Inc.
- 2005 – National Director’s Appreciation Award, Presented by Ronald N. Langston, National Director, Department of Commerce’s Minority Business Development Agency.
- 2005 – Impact Award, “In Recognition of His Awesome Impact on Supplier Diversity,” Billion Dollar Roundtable.
- 2005 – Outstanding Leadership Award, National Minority Supplier Development Council.
- 2005 – President’s Award, “In Appreciation of your Vision, Leadership and Commitment to the Development and Economic Growth of Minority Business,” MMBDC Board of Directors.
- 2005 – AMEP Alumni Award, for Outstanding Support, NMSDC Kellogg.

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- 2004 – Tuck Lifetime Achievement Award, “Celebrating a Lifetime of Leadership, Courage, Integrity and Dedication to Improving Opportunities for Diverse Suppliers,” Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth.
- 2003 – Investor in Education Award, “In Recognition Of Exemplary Support of Minority Business Enterprises,” Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth.
- 2001 – Corporation of the Year Award, National Minority Supplier Development Council.
- 2001 – Corporate Angel Award, Minorities in Business Multi – Cultural Prism Awards.
- 1998 – Corporation of the Year Award, National Minority Supplier Development Council.
- 1994 – Distinguished Service Award, National Minority Supplier Development Council.
- 1992 – MBE Coordinator of the Year Award, National Minority Supplier Development Council.
- 1988 – Corporation of the Year Award, National Minority Supplier Development Council.

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