



Manta Network Technologies, LLC
President | Owner

As the President and Owner of **Manta Network Technologies**, Ricky Rivera is responsible for the overall leadership, strategic direction, and business development of the company.

Ricky is a graduate of the University of Florida, where he was awarded a B.A. in Political Science (International Relations) and a commission in the U.S. Navy. He is also a graduate of the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, earning a master's degree in business administration (MBA) with a focus in financial management, defense acquisition, and program management.

Trained as a Surface Warfare Line Officer in the Navy, Ricky's experience includes a variety of leadership, management, and technical positions in both the Pacific and Middle Eastern maritime areas of operation. Through his hard work, dedication, perseverance and selfless devotion to duty, Ricky was selected by the Navy in December 2009 to work on the professional staff of Senator Susan M. Collins (R-ME) on Capitol Hill as a Navy Legislative Fellow where he collaborated and liaised with key executive leaders and interagency officials in the Department of Defense (DoD) and members of Congress (and their staffs) on fiscal policies affecting major defense acquisition and procurement programs. Ricky retired from the Navy in August 2012 as a Lieutenant Commander (LCDR) after 20 years of service.

Professional Experience

TRANSAS Americas Inc. | Bothell, WA

Program Management | Business Development | Government Relations (Sept 2015 – Nov 2015)

The company is a developer and supplier of marine navigation integration systems, software implementation, and procurement solutions for commercial and government clients.

- Hired as a consultant to provide subject matter expertise (SME) on program management, business development, and government business relations involving a new ship navigation simulator project for the US Navy (DDG 1000), valued at \$1.6M.

RGS Associates | Arlington, VA

Senior Management Consultant (Nov 2014 – Mar 2015)

The company is a private management consulting firm specializing in Program Management Integration, Information Technology (IT) Solutions, and Logistics for U.S. federal and commercial clients.

- Hired as a consultant to provide on-site leadership and program management support for one of the company's major client, the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (Surface Warfare – OPNAV N96) AEGIS Combat Systems Integration Branch, with an overall project value of \$3B.

Kratos Defense and Security Solutions | Arlington, VA

Senior Program Analyst (Nov 2013 – Jun 2014)

The company is a provider of National Defense, IT, and Security Solutions for the U.S. federal and commercial enterprises.

- Hired as a Defense Program Analyst to provide on-site program management support for one of the company's key clients, the Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) and the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV N95) new Mobile Landing Platform ship program, valued at \$2.1B.

The Boeing Company | Boeing Commercial Airplanes | Everett, WA

Senior Project Manager (Oct 2012 – Jun 2013)

Boeing is a global leader in design, manufacturing, and sales of commercial airplanes and defense, space, and security systems.

- Recruited to Boeing (via Chipton-Ross) to assist the 787 Preflight and Delivery team improve overall throughput of critical 787 project phases, including implementing Best Practices by employing the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK) tools, Agile process, and LEAN/Six Sigma principals.

United States Navy (USN) | WA | DC | VA | CA | FL | TX | Japan | Bahrain

Training Officer | Engineering Officer | Operations Officer | Strategy, Plans, and Policy Officer (DEC 1996 – AUG 2012)

With an estimated 329,867 active duty personnel, the United States Navy (USN) is the naval warfare service branch of the Department of Defense (DoD), responsible for maintaining, training and equipping highly capable forces and technical systems with a collective, global impact.

- Charged with leading, training, and managing diverse cross-functional teams in optimizing performance of technologies, strategies, and processes. Led large-scale technical projects with over 100 cross-functional teams, managing multi-million dollar programs spanning procurement/acquisition, and all phases of the supply chain in an international environment. Streamlined senior executive strategic objectives, developed and integrated long-range schedules (OPLANS / Strategic Plans / JOPES), and performed program management functions (scheduling, coordination, financial, quality assurance, and oversight). **Served as the Navy's Congressional Legislative fellow for Senator Susan M. Collins**, a key influential member on the Senate Armed Services Committee and Senate Intelligence Committee in Washington, DC. Worked along side professional congressional staffs on key policies affecting legislation, DoD acquisition programs, and national security.

EDUCATION

Master of Business Administration (MBA), Financial Management | Naval Postgraduate School | Monterey, CA
Bachelor of Arts, Political Science (International Relations) | University of Florida | Gainesville, FL

CERTIFICATIONS | TECHNICAL TRAINING

Project Management (PMP), Certificate of Completion | Georgetown University | Washington, DC
Systems Acquisition & Program Management, Certificate of Completion | Naval Postgraduate School | Monterey, CA

Congressional Legislative Affairs (National Authorization & Appropriations Budget Cycle), Certificate of Completion | Capitol Hill Fellowship Program | Georgetown University | Government Affairs Institute | Washington, DC

Software Acquisition Management, Certificate of Completion | DAU | Fort Belvoir, VA
Capabilities Integration & Systems Development, Certificate of Completion | DAU | Fort Belvoir, VA
Intermediate Systems Acquisition, Certificate of Completion | DAU | Fort Belvoir, VA
Program Management Tools, Certificate of Completion | DAU | Fort Belvoir, VA
Engineering Officer Training, Nuclear (Program Management Integration, Engineering Systems Operations, and Quality Assurance) | Newport | RI
Staff Material Officer Training (Quality Assurance, Supply Chain Optimization, Program Management, and Engineering Systems Assessment) | Newport | RI
Engineering Officer Training, General (Engineering Systems Operations; Budgeting; Supply Chain; Engineering Management; Quality Assurance; Security Assurance and Access Control Systems; and Information Technology/Cyber Security Data Systems) | Newport | RI
Training Officer (Leadership Development and Project Management Integration) | Newport | RI

Auxiliary Machinery Officer Training (Electrical Engineering Management, Power Generating Systems Operations, HVAC, UPS, and QA) | Newport | RI

APPLICATIONS | TOOLS | TECHNOLOGIES

MS Office (Word, PowerPoint, Outlook, Excel), MS Project, SharePoint, Access, SAS, SAP & Various Analytical Tools

HONORS | AWARDS

Recipient of seven military leadership awards for superior leadership, initiative, and management abilities.