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## The BlackStar Companies Accelerates Growth with a New Hire and Territory

*Retired Lieutenant Commander, USCG, Walter Daniel joins The BlackStar Companies as Director of West Coast Operations*

Defense contractor, The BlackStar Companies (BlackStar) is excited to announce the launch of its West Coast division and that Walter Daniel has joined BlackStar as our Director of West Coast Operations.

In this position, Mr. Daniel plays a key role in meeting the company's aggressive growth goals as well as building on the firm's outstanding reputation for service and delivery to BlackStar clients.

"Attracting someone of Walter's caliber into the business is a great endorsement of our strategy and ambition", said Les Allen, Jr., Managing Member, BlackStar. "Mr. Daniel's track record, experience, and contacts in our industry are second to none and we are thrilled to have him on board. He has incredibly strong knowledge and experience which is vital as we continue our ambitious plans to grow into the West Coast defense market and safely execute projects for our clients."

Walter Daniel brings with him 20 years of leadership experience and knowledge of the defense industry. Walter is a second-generation military servicemember and retired in 2017 as a Lieutenant Commander in the United States Coast Guard. During his military career he earned 3 Commendation Medals, 2 Achievement Medals, 3 Letters of Commendation and multiple team awards.

While stationed in Hawaii, Daniel was responsible for the budget and allocation of more than \$80 million for Coast Guard operations, in addition to saving more than 40 lives and over \$2.7 million in property. In his last assignment, he was the Chief of Enforcement for U.S. Coast Guard Sector San Francisco, and oversaw patrol boats, Tier I Port Waterways and Coastal Security boat stations and boarding teams.

During Super Bowl 50 at Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, Calif., Daniel was responsible for security planning and execution, deploying and coordinating Coast Guard and partner agency resources to ensure the security of the Maritime Transportation System and the safety of more than one million commuters, boaters and spectators to the San Francisco Bay Area.

With full responsibility for the leadership and development of BlackStar West Coast operations, Walter will play a key role in meeting the company's aggressive growth goals as well as building on the firm's outstanding reputation for service and delivery to our clients.

"I am excited to be on board and to be a part of a great team that is determined to take BlackStar to the next level in both service and delivery. I will bring BlackStar's strong core values and delivery of outstanding service to new a new client base and continue our outstanding reputation with our existing clients on the West Coast and Hawaii." Daniel continued, "BlackStar has earned its status as a solid construction & energy services company for the defense industry. With this move to solidify operations here, I have a tremendous opportunity to grow BlackStar's presence and continue to diversify services into the West Coast."

Daniels attended Hampton University and graduated with a Bachelor's of Science in Business Management in 2001. He also graduated with a Masters of Business Administration from Hawaii Pacific University in 2007.

#### ABOUT THE BLACKSTAR COMPANIES

The BlackStar Companies (BlackStar) is an **SBA HUBZone and 8(a) certified** defense contractor that specializes in construction services, energy services, and training. We have a verifiable record of successfully completing projects for the federal government since 2015.

BlackStar has completed several different types of projects for the government such as: project management, demolition, road resurfacing, security system installation, base wide LED retrofitting, installing an animal incinerator, and several other kinds of projects. For more information, please visit the company's website at <https://www.bscsgi.com/>.

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