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Dr. Michael H. Ledbetter serves as the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer (COO) at COLSA Corporation. In this capacity, he oversees strategic operations, driving organizational performance and guiding COLSA's continued growth and success.

Previously, Dr. Ledbetter served as Senior Vice President for COLSA's Cyber, Information Warfare, and Data Science programs until January 2025. In that role, he provided executive leadership across multiple mission-critical initiatives, including Military Deception (MILDEC) operations supporting CENTCOM, defensive satellite operations for the U.S. Space Force, offensive and defensive cyber operations supporting the 16th Air Force, and Risk Management Framework (RMF) consolidation for PEO STRI. He was instrumental in expanding COLSA's capabilities in drone integration and manufacturing, enabling the company to become the sole provider of drone swarms to the U.S. Army.

Dr. Ledbetter has extensive expertise in unmanned aerial systems, further enhanced through his doctoral research focusing on consumer acceptance of residential drone delivery. His research examined critical factors influencing adoption, such as privacy concerns, trust, perceived usefulness, and regulatory implications.

Before joining COLSA, Dr. Ledbetter served for 28 years as a U.S. Marine officer, fulfilling roles as an Infantry Officer, an F/A-18 pilot, and Acquisition Officer. His distinguished military career includes combat deployments in Iraq and Afghanistan, and leadership positions at Marine Corps Systems Command, where he managed technology transition initiatives and urgent universal needs of the command.

Dr. Ledbetter holds a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from Troy University, a Master of Business Administration with a concentration in IT Management from Auburn University, a Master of Science in Information Systems from the University of Alabama in Huntsville, and a Doctor of Business Administration from the University of North Alabama. He is a DAWIA Level II Program Manager and a certified Six Sigma Green Belt.