



Biography

Stephen Cowan | Vice President for Supplier Development & Strategic Sourcing | Civil Business Line – GKN Aerospace

Stephen joined GKN in January 2017, having completed almost 30 years at Bombardier Aerospace in various Engineering, Operational and Supply Chain roles.

Stephen was recently appointed as Vice President for Supplier Development & Strategic Sourcing for the Civil Business Line- GKN Aerospace, before that Stephen was Vice President General Manager for Fokker Landing Gear Defence site in Helmond, Netherlands, from August 2021, up until then he combined his role as VP of Technology for GKNA from December 2020 which complimented his role as head of the UK's Global Technology Centre at Filton, Bristol as part of the One Aerospace reorganisation, he also held many Operational and Operational Excellence roles driving Best Practice into all of the GKN sites as well as Industry 4.0, H&S & Environment, Gold Operating System & Industrial Strategy to ensure that GKN exceeded both its customer's and shareholder's expectations. During the pandemic Stephen headed up the UK Ventilator Challenge for GKN, assembling Ventilators across 2 sites at Luton and Cowes, IOW.

Stephen holds an MBA from the University of Ulster and is an active board member of the Aerospace Growth Partnership (AGP) and Chair of the Manufacturing Supply Chain Working Group. Stephen is also a member of the MBA Association of Ireland and is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Purchasing & Supply (FCIPS.)

Outside of work Stephen is a keen Cyclist and Squash player.