

## New Vice Chair Elected to The Open Group FACE™ Consortium Business Working Group from NAVAIR PMA209

Ms. Amaka Chidozie, a member of the PMA209 Avionics Architecture Team (AAT) has been elected as the new Business Working Group Vice Chair for The Open Group Future Airborne Capability Environment™ (FACE). Formed in 2010, [The Open Group FACE Consortium](#) is a voluntary consensus standards body now with more than 1,000 participating members. Representing government, industry and academia, members have developed the FACE Approach software standard and business strategy. Well received in the Open Architecture/Open Standards ecosystem, [it] defines an open avionics environment for all military airborne platform types.

An integral part in PMA209 AAT, Ms. Chidozie manages the Hardware Open Standard Technologies development ([HOST](#), an open architecture standards framework). The goal of HOST is to provide the Navy and other services the ability to rapidly and cost effectively adopt newer technologies in computing components. Her specific efforts will concentrate on the implementation of the HOST standard across various DoD platforms.

Ms. Chidozie was attracted to the BWG Vice Chair position based on her desire to collaborate closely with industry partners and to support advanced development of sustainable products. Her objectives look to align emerging technology capabilities with a wide range of DoD platform needs. In her new capacity, she'll be able to promote MOSA benefits with the business community by championing the business case for open architecture. Ms. Chidozie efforts aim for wider adoption of open architecture standards in constructing vendor-neutral airborne computing applications, ultimately expanding opportunities to incorporate new technologies for specific use cases to meet DoD technological needs.

PMA209 AAT - a collaborative team of proactive acquisition professionals enabling current and future foundational aviation requirements led by CAPT Margaret Wilson, Program Manager - is both proud and elated for Ms. Chidozie's election to such an important role in the FACE Consortium.

Ms. Chidozie joined the AAT after serving on active duty for over ten years. Her first assignment was to USS FORT MCHENRY (LSD-43) where she served as the communications and intelligence officer. During that time, she participated in multiple deployments to the 5th and 6th fleet region and completed her Surface Warfare Officer qualification. Her next assignment was to the USS IWO JIMA (LHD-7) where she served as the auxiliaries engineering officer. She joined the Engineering Duty Officer community and served as the project manager for several surface ships at Ship Repair Facility Yokosuka, Japan. Ms. Chidozie graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 2007 with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry and obtained a Masters in Systems Engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology in 2014.

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