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Mark McDonnell is a retired U.S. Coast Guard Captain and maritime executive with more than 26 years of experience leading operational, regulatory, emergency-response, and national-security organizations. He most recently served as Commander of Coast Guard Sector Puget Sound in Seattle, Washington where he was the Captain of the Port, the senior federal maritime official for one of the nation's most strategically important port regions. In that role, he led 700 military and civilian personnel responsible for maritime safety, security, environmental protection, and the facilitation of more than $75 billion in annual commerce across a region spanning an international border.

His Coast Guard career included nearly 10 years at sea on five cutters, command at sea and ashore, regional response leadership across four states, and senior interagency assignments. As Commanding Officer of USCGC CAMPBELL, he led national security, law enforcement, search and rescue, and living marine resources missions in the northern hemisphere. He also served as Coast Guard Liaison to the U.S. Navy's Surface Warfare Division, supporting major cutter weapons-system investments, and as a Military Fellow at the Center for Strategic & International Studies, where he researched maritime security and national defense issues for policy and industry audiences. Mark also has expertise in federal budgeting and resource management, including service at that White House Office of Management and Budget and as the Coast Guard's Fiscal Year 2012 budget coordinator.

A graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, Mark holds a Master in Public Administration from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. He also completed the MIT Seminar XXI National Security Leaders Program.