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Bob Granata is the VP of Operations and Technology Development for Newport News Nuclear, a wholly owned subsidiary of Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding, focusing on DOE projects. Previously he was the Program Director for Quality & Process Excellence at the Shipyard. In this capacity he led the LEAN / 6 Sigma efforts, benchmarking program, facilitation support, employee reward and recognition programs, continuous improvement training, 5S and other quality and continuous improvement efforts.

Bob was the Program Director for the refueling and complex overhaul (RCOH) of the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71). He was responsible for overseeing the cost, schedule, planning and work performance for the ship's single refueling overhaul in its 50-year life span costing over \$2.3B and 22M man-hours. Prior to that appointment, Granata served as Program Manager for the USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) refueling and complex overhaul program. He began his career at Newport News in 1998 as a propulsion plant Construction Supervisor.

A career naval officer, Bob served on six ships in his 21 years of service in the U.S. Navy, including service on the USS Enterprise, where he qualified as a nuclear engineering officer. He also taught at the State University of New York (SUNY) Maritime College for 3 years, where he earned a Masters Degree in Management.