

Richard S. Brent, CEO of Louroe Electronics

Richard Brent is the CEO of Louroe Electronics, a global manufacturer of advanced audio monitoring technology for security solutions based in Van Nuys, California. He was brought on as CEO in 2009, bringing over 30 years of leadership and management experience in the technology sector and over 15 years of domestic and international government relations. Under Brent's guidance, Louroe has become the industry leader in audio security, with over 800,000 Verifact® microphones in use in over 56 countries. Its solutions have been the recipients of numerous awards, including the 2013 Security Industry Association (SIA) New Product Showcase, the 2014 *Security Products* New Product of the Year Award, and 2015 *Security Sales & Integration* Top 30 Technology Innovations Award.

Brent has not only been an influential figure at Louroe Electronics, but has also become a respected thought leader in security. Over the last three years, he has published over 25 articles that have been featured in the industry's top publications including *Security Products*, *Security Dealer & Integrator* and *Campus Safety*. Brent has also participated in several initiatives and coalitions designed to shape the standards, regulations and future of the security market. In 2014, he chaired the SIA Government Summit and was later recognized for his outstanding work by receiving SIA's 2014 Committee Chair of the Year Award. Brent also chaired the 2015 SIA Government Summit and was elected to SIA's Board of Directors for the 2015-2017 term.

As the leader of an American manufacturer, Brent has also been a key small business advocate in the commerce sector. He currently serves as a member of the U.S.-Mexico CEO Dialogue, which was founded in 2013 by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Brent is a voting member of the District Export Council of Southern California (DECSC) and chairs the DECSC's Manufacturing/Fulfillment Vertical committee. Additionally, Brent has represented Louroe Electronics on several trade missions to Latin America. The business trips have led to the substantial increase of sales for the company in the region as well as industry-wide recognition. In 2015, the U.S. Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker presented Louroe Electronics with the President's "E" Award for Exports, which is the highest recognition any U.S. entity may receive for making a significant contribution to the expansion of U.S. exports.

Prior to joining Louroe Electronics in 2009, Brent worked as the government affairs director for Solar Turbines Inc. for over 24 years.