

Joe Sprague

Joe Sprague has been blessed to work in aviation for over 25 years.

Sprague has been with Alaska Airlines for 17 years and currently serves as Senior Vice President of External Relations with responsibility for corporate communications, community relations, government affairs, sales and cargo. He also serves on Alaska Air Group's executive committee and as the chairman of the Alaska Airlines Foundation.

He has served in several other leadership roles at Alaska since starting with the company in Anchorage in 2000, including Vice President of Marketing from 2010 to 2014.

Prior to Alaska Airlines, Sprague gained valuable management experience at two regional airlines, Era Aviation (now known as Ravn), one of the largest regional airlines in Alaska, and Harbor Airlines in the Seattle area.

Sprague was first introduced to the aviation public policy arena when he served as Manager of Government and Industry Affairs for the D.C.-based National Air Transportation Association (NATA).

Sprague began his aviation career as a flight instructor and commercial pilot. He flew for Juneau, Alaska-based Wings of Alaska and also in the corporate flight department for Geico Insurance.

Sprague received a Masters degree in Business Administration from the University of Washington and a Bachelor of Science degree in Aeronautical Science from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. He resides near Seattle with his wife and two children.