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**Aaron C. Smith**  
**President and CEO**

Aaron serves as the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Offshore Marine Service Association (OMSA). OMSA is the national trade association of the owners and operators of U.S.-flag vessels servicing energy infrastructure on the Outer Continental Shelf. In addition to managing the day-to-day operation of the Association, Aaron heads OMSA's state and federal advocacy efforts.

Aaron also serves as the Executive Director for the Offshore Service Vessel Dynamic Positioning Authority (OSVDPA), a role he has served in since the Authority's inception in 2014. The OSVDPA is an independent 501(c)(6) which has created and updates safety and competency standards for dynamic positioning operators (DPOs) and assess mariners against these standards.

Before starting the OSVDPA, Aaron was Deputy Chief of Staff and Legislative Director for Congressman Jeff Landry (LA-03). In this role, Aaron was responsible for Congressman Landry's maritime, energy, and transportation policy. Prior to that position, Aaron served in similar capacities for three other Members of Congress.

In addition to his work for OMSA and OSVDPA, Aaron sits on the Marine Technology Society, Dynamic Positioning Committee's Guidance and Standards Subcommittee and served as the Technical Chair of the 2018 Dynamic Positioning Conference.

Aaron resides in Metairie, Louisiana with his wife and their two children.