



**John C. Vellinger**  
**Co-founder/Executive Vice President, COO**

John C. Vellinger is the co-founder and co-owner of Techshot, Inc., where he has served as the company's Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for nearly 20 years. Vellinger has extensive product development management experience in designing innovative equipment for both commercial and government applications. His product development teams have designed innovative equipment for governmental agencies such as NASA, NIH, NSF, Army, Air Force, Navy, and NOAA, as well as Fortune 100 companies such as Procter & Gamble and the Coca-Cola Company.

Vellinger's eighth-grade science project, "Chix in Space", was launched aboard the ill-fated Space Shuttle Challenger in January 1986. Following the devastating loss of the orbiter and its crew, the experiment went on to successfully re-fly on the space shuttle Discovery in March 1989. The experimental results were so significant that the high-profile project established Vellinger as a very innovative and resourceful engineer.

Vellinger has designed equipment which has flown on seven different space shuttle missions (including the famous John Glenn flight in 1998). He has six patents issued to date, along with numerous technical publications. Vellinger is a graduate of Purdue University with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering with a specialty in biomedical design.