

Colin H. Cooper
Chief Manufacturing Officer
State of Connecticut

Colin Cooper has more than 30 years of professional experience as a design engineer, investment banker, crisis manager and aerospace executive.

Colin recently retired from the Whitcraft Group to become the State of Connecticut's first Chief Manufacturing Officer on October 30, 2019.

Prior to joining Whitcraft in 1998 as CEO, he was a managing director at Alvarez & Marsal, Inc., a nationally recognized crisis management and turnaround consulting firm specializing in operational and financial restructurings and before that he worked as an associate in corporate finance for Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc. He began his career as a design engineer for Pratt & Whitney Aircraft. Mr. Cooper has a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Tufts University and an MBA from Columbia University.

After acquiring Whitcraft in 1998 with his operating partner, Jeffrey Paul, the company grew from one facility in Eastford, Connecticut to eleven facilities in four New England states, Illinois and Arizona. The Whitcraft Group is a Connecticut based contract manufacturer of precision machined, formed and fabricated parts and assemblies for many of the world's largest aerospace OEM's. Whitcraft's parts are on virtually every major large commercial and U.S. military aircraft in service today.

Colin currently serves on the boards of the Whitcraft Group, Habco Industries, the Aerospace Component Manufacturers association, and the Connecticut Manufacturing Innovation Fund. He is a past board member of the Connecticut Business and Industry Association.