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Mike Vinje is the Center Technology Transition Lead (CTTL) at Kennedy Space Center (KSC), where he leads KSC SBIR/STTR activities and assists with technology development. Prior to this role, Mike Vinje served as one of KSC's Commercial Partnership Development Managers, where he helped KSC transition to the busy multi-user spaceport it is today.

Mike Vinje received a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering at Washington State University after serving in the U.S. Army 25th Infantry Division. He began his KSC engineering career in 1999 on the Space Shuttle as a contractor working the Orbiter Main Propulsion Systems, where he developed repairs and manned the firing room console during test and launch operations. In 2005, he joined the Constellation Program where he served as the KSC lead for the Orion Service Module until accepting a position with the KSC Center Planning and Development Office in 2010.

In 2014, Mike Vinje assumed leadership of SBIR and STTR activities at Kennedy within the Research and Technology Management Office. In this position, Mike Vinje has most recently worked to integrate technology development across the Federal government by establishing joint efforts between NASA and the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) and other DoD organizations. Throughout his career Mike Vinje has witnessed firsthand the massive changes enabled by new technology, and he looks forward to helping industry drive more change in the future.

