

## 2007 Engineer of Distinction



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### Citation

Carl Walker Sandlin currently serves as Drilling Operations Manager, ExxonMobil Development Company (EMDC), and is responsible for drilling operations in Angola, Chad, Equatorial Guinea, and Russia, for deepwater drilling in the Americas, and for worldwide exploration drilling in areas where ExxonMobil does not have production operations. He is also responsible for the Safety, Health, and Environmental work of EMDC's Drilling Organization.

Mr. Sandlin graduated in 1971 from Tennessee Technological University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering, and in 1972, with a Master of Science in the same discipline from Georgia Institute of Technology. He joined Exxon in 1972 and has held a variety of engineering assignments in both drilling and production. Since 1981, he has been in managerial positions in production, exploration, and planning and business analysis. In 1990, Mr. Sandlin moved to Malaysia as Drilling Manager. He returned to Houston in 1994 as Drilling Operations Manager. With the merger of Exxon and Mobil in 1999, Mr. Sandlin retained his position as Drilling Operations Manager in the newly created ExxonMobil Development Company.

Mr. Sandlin serves on the Board of Advisors of the Chemical Engineering Department at Tennessee Tech. He is a member of both the Society of Petroleum Engineers and the AIChE. He and his wife, Judy, have one daughter, Rachel, who is currently living in Plano, TX. They are active members of Chapelwood United Methodist Church in Houston, TX, where he is a member of the Chancel Choir. Mr. Sandlin is on the Board of Directors for Caring Adoptions, a non-profit adoption agency.



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