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Prior to CAISO, James was a Principal Systems Engineer for SAIC's Secure Business Solutions Group. He was responsible for technical leadership for design activities relating to security projects, practices, and methodologies.

He has also performed information security functions for several information management companies, consulting services for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and was active duty in the Naval Security Group Activity.