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Mr. Comstock previously served as the NASA Comptroller, responsible for the preparation, tracking, presentation, and defense of NASA's budget to the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and the Congress. As the founding Director of NASA's Strategic Investments Division, he was responsible for integrating NASA's strategic planning and program analysis supporting budget decisions into a single organization. Under his leadership, NASA was the first agency to achieve GREEN status as part of the President's Management Agenda for Budget and Performance Integration, and NASA received its first honorable mention for the President's Quality Award.

Before coming to NASA, Mr. Comstock spent four years as a Program Examiner in the White House Office of Management and Budget, with responsibility for NASA's human space flight activities, biological and physical research, and personnel. Prior to his government service, Mr. Comstock was Director of Engineering with the Futron Corporation, a Bethesda, Maryland-based technology consulting firm, and began his career with General Dynamics Space Systems Division in San Diego, California, conducting preliminary design and systems analysis for numerous aerospace systems, from strategic defense to advanced space transportation