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Mr. Soltis recently retired as the FAA's Chief Scientific and Technical Advisor for Crash Dynamics. He joined the FAA's Aircraft Certification Service in 1976 and has served in that position from 1981-2007. In that capacity, he was actively involved in the Agency's engineering and development programs and respective rulemaking actions concerning crash dynamics.

Prior to joining the FAA, Mr. Soltis served 15 years in industry as a structures design engineer and structures stress analyst on rotary and fixed-wing aircraft.

He holds a Bachelor's degree from St. Louis University and a Master's degree from California State University at Long Beach, both with specialization in engineering. He is also an active member of a number of SAE committees and the American Helicopter Society.