After graduating from Georgia Tech with a Bachelors degree in Civil Engineering in 1968, John Huff worked for two pioneering offshore drilling companies; the Offshore Company and Zapata Offshore (which was Founded by former President George HW Bush). In 1972 he joined Western Oceanic and served as VP Engineering, VP Sales and VP Operations, before becoming Chairman and CEO of the company in 1980. He worked worldwide developing a detailed knowledge of offshore operations. This knowledge provided the necessary background when he joined Oceaneering International in 1986, as President and Chief Executive Officer and led the company to become the premier organization in underwater technologies. Today, Oceaneering is the largest manufacturer-operator of remotely operated vehicles (ROVs), intervention tooling and specialized subsea products in the world.

In recognition of his leadership and technical involvement in the Offshore Oil and Gas Industry, he was peer nominated and elected as a Pioneer of the Industry and inducted into the Ocean Energy Museum Hall of Fame in 2011. In recognition of his technical achievements in space and underwater robotics, he was inducted into the National Academy of Engineering in 2013.

John’s pioneering technologies provided an array of services to Customers operating in harsh environments, including deep ocean basins, outer space and the entertainment industry. Oceaneering’s Advanced Technologies Group supplies tools and techniques originating from the offshore and subsea support business to the USN for specialized submarine repair, deep ocean search and recovery, NASA’s extra vehicular activities (EVA) tools and robotics as well as for the autonomous robotic needs of hospital logistics and amusement rides in the entertainment industry.

John continues his work as Chairman of Oceaneering and as an investor and advisor in international energy and technology opportunities.