

The Midwest Microelectronics Consortium Announces Hiring of Chief Technology Officer (CTO)

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The Midwest Microelectronics Consortium (MMEC), a recent Awardee of Microelectronics Commons funding, is excited to announce the hiring of CTO Dr. Matthew Casto, effective October 30th, 2023. In this role, Dr. Casto will set the technological direction of the MMEC, leading product development from the laboratory to commercialization.

“Matt’s appointment as CTO reflects his outstanding track record and expertise in microelectronics, as well as his deep understanding of technology development in the laboratory through commercialization.”, stated Jackie Janning-Lask, MMEC CEO. “His passion for leading strong technology and operations teams, coupled with his ability to navigate complex business and government challenges, has made him the ideal choice to lead our technology initiatives.”

Proven in his previous role as CTO and Senior Vice President of Manufacturing and Engineering R&D at The Genie Company, Dr. Casto has extensive background with mission focused leadership in basic, applied, and advanced research and product development as well as agile innovation to exploit and achieve rapid and sustained technological advantages. Previously Dr. Casto served as Chief for the Air Force Research Laboratory’s Aerospace Components and Subsystems Division, Wright Patterson AFB, and led the discovery, development, and integration of affordable sensor and countermeasure technologies for Air and Space Force warfighters. Dr. Casto has held numerous technical leadership positions within the Department of Air Force (DAF) and the Office of the Secretary of Defense including Director for the DoD Trusted and Assured Microelectronics (T&AM) Program and Microelectronics Innovation for National Security and Economic Competitiveness (MINSEC) Initiative, and as DAF Senior Strategic Advisor for Microelectronics Innovation, both at the Pentagon.

“It’s an honor to be joining the MMEC at this pivotal time for our nation. I look forward to partnering with our members in industry, academia, and government as we accelerate capability and secure the future of the US microelectronics ecosystem,” stated Casto. “Our role-based approach will map member expertise and infrastructure to enable the best teams to develop technology, products, and services that will solve the nation’s most difficult microelectronics challenges.”

For more information about the MMEC please visit our website at mmeconsortium.org

About the MMEC

The MMEC is a non-profit, member-lead consortium that engages broadly across industry, academia, and government stakeholders for the benefit of commercial and defense applications. Created to advance domestic microelectronic technology development to deliver solutions and strengthen the US-based supply chain, the MMEC is a collaborative, public-private ecosystem that will foster technology innovation that can rapidly move from the laboratory to fabrication to market adoption. Our member community of industry, government, and academia empowers members to discover new technologies, share capabilities, develop the next generation of workforce, and bring world class innovation into scalable commercial production.

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