

## **MMEC and Texoma Semiconductor Tech Hub Form Strategic Partnership to Strengthen U.S. Semiconductor Ecosystem**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - Dayton, OH & Dallas, TX** — The MMEC and the Texoma Semiconductor Tech Hub (TSTH), led by SMU, have announced the signing of a strategic Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to collaborate on advancing U.S. semiconductor innovation, workforce development, and national competitiveness.

This collaboration unites two leading regional hubs recognized under the CHIPS and Science Act. MMEC, one of eight Microelectronics Commons Hubs, is charged with accelerating the transition of microelectronics innovation from lab-to-fab-to-mission. The Texoma Semiconductor Tech Hub is focused on unifying the semiconductor supply chain across North Texas and Southern Oklahoma, while uplifting local communities through education and job creation.

“This partnership with the Texoma Semiconductor Tech Hub represents a major step toward building a more interconnected and resilient national semiconductor ecosystem,” stated Dr. Matt Casto, Chief Technology Officer of MMEC. “Through reciprocal membership, aligned workforce initiatives, and coordinated national strategies, we’re creating a structure where regional strengths feed into national success.”

The MOU outlines several shared goals, including joint workforce development efforts, exploration of co-funding opportunities, particularly in support of the upcoming EDA Tech Hub funding opportunities, and collaboration on both MMEC’s Texas strategy and Texoma’s national vision. As part of the agreement, the two organizations will also engage in reciprocal membership to ensure active and ongoing cooperation between their member bases.

“Our alignment with MMEC is a natural fit and a powerful accelerant to our mission,” said Dr. Suku Nair, Vice Provost for Research and Chief Innovation Officer at SMU. “By combining regional momentum with national reach, we can rapidly scale innovation, workforce development, and economic growth that benefits the entire country.”

This agreement underscores the CHIPS and Science Act’s intent to create robust regional networks that contribute to America’s global leadership in semiconductor technology and manufacturing.

### **About MMEC**

MMEC leads the acceleration of microelectronic technologies and delivers solutions to establish a trusted and resilient domestic supply chain. The MMEC is the premier collaborative, public-private ecosystem, that engages broadly across innovative partners in industry, academia and government to rapidly advance defense and commercial applications. This unique environment empowers members to discover new technologies, share capabilities, develop a skilled workforce and launch groundbreaking innovation into scalable commercial production for the benefit of National Security and economic dominance.

### **About Texoma Semiconductor Tech Hub**

TSTH is led by SMU and seeks to unify the semiconductor supply chain in the Texoma region, catalyzing regional economic growth, harvesting innovation, commercializing technologies, and accelerating workforce development as part of a broader national strategy for semiconductor leadership. TSTH consists of member institutes from research universities, comprehensive colleges, community colleges, private high-tech companies, Workforce Solutions, job-placement and training companies, economic development corporations in cities, venture networks, technology alliance, and local and regional governments.

### **About SMU**

SMU is the nationally ranked Carnegie R1 research university in the dynamic city of Dallas. A member of the Atlantic Coast Conference, SMU’s alumni, faculty and more than 12,000 students in eight degree-granting schools

demonstrate an entrepreneurial spirit as they lead change in their professions, communities and the world.

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