

#### **PRELIMINARY AGENDA\***

# **IWRC Aerospace & Defense – Huntsville, Alabama** 3-4 December 2024

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# Tuesday, 3 December 2024 U.S. Space & Rocket Center 1 Tranquility Base Huntsville, AL 35805 Time (CT) Session 5:30-7:30 PM Opening Reception - Saturn V Hall

#### Wednesday, 4 December 2024

Huntsville Marriott at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center

5 Tranquility Base

Grand Ballroom and Discovery and Atlantis Breakout Rooms

Huntsville, AL 35805

Time (CT)	Session	Speaker(s)	
8:00 AM	Registration and Breakfast		
8:30 AM	Welcome and Kickoff	<ul> <li>Eric Grigorian, IEEE Region 3 Director</li> <li>Tim Lee, 2024 IEEE-USA President-Elect/Boeing</li> <li>Zachary McGovern, External Relations Officer, City of Huntsville</li> </ul>	
8:45 AM	How Alabama Can Contribute to the CHIPS Workforce	<ul> <li>Will Goins, Chair, IEEE Huntsville Section (Introduction)</li> <li>Russell Harrison, Managing Director, IEEE-USA</li> </ul>	
9:15 AM	Opening Keynote: Defense Implications of CHIPS Act	Donna Joyce, Ph.D., Army Senior Research Scientist for Protective Technologies, DEVCOM Aviation & Missile Center	
9:45 AM	NASA Small Business Opportunities	David Brock, Small Business Specialist, NASA Marshall Space Flight Center	
10:15 AM	Networking Break		
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Discovery	1) Innovation and Intellectual Property	<ul> <li>Jennifer Fowler, Director and Principal Investigator, Arkansas National Science Foundation EPSCoR (Moderator)</li> <li>Mark Adams, Ph.D., Director, Alabama Micro/ Nano Science and Technology Center, Auburn University</li> <li>Hulya Kirkici, Ph.D., Chair, Electrical and Computer Engineering Department, University of South Alabama</li> <li>David Lucas, Partner, Womble Bond Dickinson</li> <li>George White, Ph.D., Senior Director, Strategic Partnerships, Georgia Institute of Technology</li> </ul>		
Atlantis	2) Opportunities and Challenges in Workforce Development	<ul> <li>Ebonee Walker, Ph.D., Region 3 WIE representative (Moderator)</li> <li>Jared Ashcroft, Ph.D., Director, Micro Nano Technology Education Center</li> <li>Lyndsay Ferguson, Vice President for Talent Initiatives, Huntsville/ Madison County Chamber of Commerce</li> <li>Erin Gawron-Hyla, Ph.D., Workforce Development CTEA Lead, Microelectronics Commons, DEVCOM Army Research Laboratory</li> <li>Zhigang Xiao, Ph.D., Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Alabama A&amp;M University</li> </ul>		



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12:00 PM	Networking Lunch/Fireside Chat with NSF	<ul> <li>Rosalyn Hobson Hargraves, Ph.D, Division Director, NSF Division of Undergraduate Education, Directorate for STEM Education</li> <li>Erik Heilman, Director of Government Relations, IEEE-USA</li> </ul>		
1:00 PM	Aerospace and CHIPS Keynote	Tawnya Laughinghouse, Director, Materials and Processes Laboratory, Marshall Space Flight Center		
1:30 PM	How the Southeast Can Contribute to the Microelectronics Commons	Tim Morgan, Ph.D., Technical Director, Microelectronics Commons		
2:00 PM	Networking Break			
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Discovery	Broadening Collaboration with the U.S. Defense Enterprise	<ul> <li>Matt Francis, Ph.D., CEO, Ozark Integrated Circuits, IEEE Region 5 Director (Moderator)</li> <li>Julia Buckley, COO, Reliable MicroSystems, LLC</li> <li>Kaitlin Bulavinetz, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, United States Department of Defense</li> <li>Jeffrey LaRoche, Ph.D., Engineering Fellow, Advanced Technology Programs, RTX</li> </ul>		
Atlantis	Broadening Collaboration with U.S. Aerospace Enterprise	<ul> <li>Curtis Hill, PI, ODME Project and Lead, NASA InSPA         Commercialization of Semiconductors, NASA Marshall Space         Flight Center (Moderator)</li> <li>Tim Lee, 2024 IEEE-USA President-Elect/Boeing</li> <li>Rima Kasia Oueid, Senior Commercialization Executive, Office of         Technology Transitions, U.S. Department of Energy</li> <li>Dale Thomas, Ph.D., Alabama NASA EPSCOR</li> </ul>		
4:15 PM	Sharing Notes: Breakout Session Report Out			
5:00 PM	Wrap-Up and Adjourn			