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### **James Will to Lead USPAE as New Executive Director**

**WASHINGTON, D.C., USA, June 3, 2024** – Effective May 28, 2024, James Will joined the U.S. Partnership for Assured Electronics (USPAE) as the association's new executive director. USPAE is an IPC subsidiary that focuses on partnership with the U.S. Government to support a more robust defense electronics industrial base. Over its short history, USPAE has steered more than \$30 million to industry for high priority projects.

As executive director of USPAE, Will is responsible for growing the organization to help ensure the U.S. Government has access to trusted, secure, and resilient electronics supply chains. One of the organization's signature programs is the Defense Business Accelerator (DBX), which aims to revolutionize how the Department of Defense (DOD) drives dual-use technology development by harnessing the size and speed of the commercial market to accelerate the growth of a resilient dual-use electronics ecosystem.

An engineer by training, Will comes to USPAE with a strong technical and operational background in the electronics industry and is active in industry

organizations, including the National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA) and International Microelectronics Assembly and Packaging Society (iMAPS). His background includes leading and supporting enterprise A&D programs, from foundry to packaged and qualified high-reliability components. As a contractor to the Department of Energy National Nuclear Security Administration, he supported trusted foundry, semiconductor products and components, and assurance interests. Will, most recently, led aerospace and defense business development for SkyWater Technology Foundry. His additional commercial experience includes roles at Motorola and Infineon, from engineer to engineering management, including involvement in a 300mm fab startup.

“I am excited to build USPAE’s role as a trusted third party that connects industry and U.S. Government stakeholders to promote an assured electronics supply chain,” said Will. “Strengthening public-private sector collaboration is critical to both U.S. national security and economic growth. I am honored to leverage my experience developing solutions for the aerospace and defense industries to further USPAE’s mission of building a robust domestic ecosystem for electronics manufacturing.”

“With Jim’s extensive background in driving innovation and adopting solutions throughout the electronics supply chain, he is uniquely qualified in growing and positioning USPAE to help ensure the U.S. Government has access to trusted, secure, and resilient electronics,” said John Mitchell, USPAE Chairman of the Board. “Jim is well-respected in the defense manufacturing community, and we’re thrilled to have him at the helm of USPAE.”

For more information on USPAE, visit [www.USPAE.org](http://www.USPAE.org) or send inquiries to [info@uspae.org](mailto:info@uspae.org).

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**About USPAE**

The U.S. Partnership for Assured Electronics (USPAE) is a non-profit organization and its members are organized in the U.S. or its allied countries. They are leaders in researching and developing innovative technologies and experts in designing, prototyping and producing advanced electronics. All have committed to high standards in quality, cybersecurity, anti-counterfeiting and supply chain risk management, helping ensure they are resilient, trusted and secure.