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BRIDG Announces Galbraith as New President

Central Florida leader joins BRIDG to lead organization forward

Kissimmee, Fla., February 27, 2024 – Jay Galbraith has been named the new president for [BRIDG](#), a not-for-profit, public-private partnership specializing in advanced system integration and packaging and focused on inclusive regional economic development anchored in Osceola County's 500-acre technology campus known as [NeoCity](#).

Today's announcement paves the path toward continued success as the organization leads programs and federal contract awards critical to national security and domestic self-sufficiency in semiconductor advanced packaging of microelectronic systems. Galbraith brings more than three decades of strategic leadership and government affairs serving Central Florida and the entire state in transformational initiatives.

"The BRIDG board of directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Jay Galbraith as president of BRIDG," stated Clarence Thacker, chairman of BRIDG board. "Jay brings a wealth of experience and connections in Central Florida and beyond. His strength in business administration and partnership relations strengthen the sustainability of the organization well into the future."

Galbraith has been instrumental in leading Florida's economic landscape since the 1990s. Prior to joining BRIDG, Galbraith served as vice president for public affairs at Valencia College. His background also includes corporate leadership roles at SeaWorld Entertainment, Lees-McRae College, and the Pinellas Education Foundation, in addition to serving in key staff roles for past U.S. elected officials. Galbraith's familiarity with BRIDG's mission aligns with a vision for the future that moves the organization forward.

"I am honored to serve in this capacity to help Osceola County realize the dream to be the semiconductor manufacturing, advanced packaging, and workforce hub for America," stated Jay Galbraith, BRIDG President. "The recent successes in key partnership grants will serve as the catalyst to see the vision realized in the near future."

Galbraith succeeds Interim President, Dr. John Allgair, who has been with BRIDG since 2016. Dr. Allgair will transition back into his role as BRIDG Chief Technology Officer to strengthen leading-edge technology and credibility in the semiconductor industry.

"I am excited to welcome Jay to BRIDG," stated Dr. John Allgair, BRIDG CTO. "Having Jay's expertise to lead the team comes at an important time as I provide my full attention to newly announced awards and U.S. government contracts, including the U.S. National Science Foundation Engines award and the Department of Defense's Industrial Base Analysis and Sustainment (IBAS) Cornerstone/RESHAPE award, along with future opportunities such as the CHIPS Act. I look forward to working with Jay as I return focus to our technology roadmap in areas ensuring future viability for NeoCity."

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About BRIDG

BRIDG is a not-for-profit, public-private partnership specializing in digital, RF, and photonics interposer technology development coupled with advanced packaging capabilities. As an ITAR-certified and DMEA trust-ready supplier, BRIDG offers R&D expertise and a 200mm microelectronics fabrication facility geared toward system miniaturization, device integration, hardware security, and product manufacturing key to aerospace, defense, automotive, telecommunications, medical, and the IoT/AI revolution. Supported by Osceola County, Florida High Tech Corridor Council, imec, Orlando Economic Partnership, TEL, SUSS MicroTec, Siemens, and SkyWater Technology (Center for Neovation operator), BRIDG provides the physical infrastructure and collaborative process to connect challenges and opportunities with solutions; "Bridging

the Innovation Development Gap” making commercialization possible. Located at NeoCity in Osceola County, Florida, BRIDG is centrally located 20 minutes from Orlando International Airport and within a mile of Florida’s Turnpike. www.GoBRIDG.com

About NeoCity

Following the impacts of the Great Recession, Osceola County decided to make a long-term investment to create a 500-acre technology district, known as NeoCity to diversify its economy. Since then, Osceola County and their regional partners have invested over \$273 million to make NeoCity the hub to Central Florida’s burgeoning semiconductor industry. NeoCity’s anchor building, the Center for Neovation, (total of 109,000 sq. ft) consisting of a 36,000 square ft. cleanroom, is home to SkyWater Technology, imec USA, BRIDG, TEL, and SUSS MicroTec. The Osceola County School District’s NeoCity Academy, located next to the Center for Neovation, works with SkyWater, BRIDG, and imec USA to provide internships for the high school students to work in the fab. www.NeoCityFL.com