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Steven Zylstra began his tenure as President & CEO of the Pittsburgh Technology Council and the Southwestern Pennsylvania Industrial Resource Center (SPIRC) in April 2000. The leading change agent for southwestern Pennsylvania's technology industry, the Council drives the growth, development and retention of the region's technology-focused business and talent. With some 1,800 corporate members, it is one of the largest trade associations in the nation. SPIRC is a private, non-profit economic development organization that provides technical consulting services and assistance to small and medium-sized manufacturing companies in southwestern Pennsylvania.

After earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Automotive Engineering from Western Michigan University, Mr. Zylstra was employed as a Design Engineer for the Ford Motor Company in Dearborn, Michigan, as a Design Engineer for the Ford Aerospace & Communications Corporation in Newport Beach, California, and as a Senior Design Engineer and Technical Manager for Bendix Guidance Systems Division in Teterboro, New Jersey. From 1984 to 1995, Mr. Zylstra served as General Manager of General Pneumatics Corporation, Western Research Center (WRC), in Scottsdale, Arizona. During his tenure at WRC, the company was awarded 19 Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR) programs. From 1995 to 2000, Mr. Zylstra served as the Director of Business Development for Simula Technologies, Inc., in Phoenix, Arizona.

Mr. Zylstra is a member of the Community College of Allegheny County's Board of Trustees; a member of the Horticultural Society of Western Pennsylvania's Board of Directors; co-founder and former member of the Governor's



Arizona Science and Technology Council; co-founder and past-Chairman of the Arizona Innovation Network (AIN); a former member of the Governor's Arizona Partnership for the New Economy; Director and former member of the Executive Committee of the Arizona Technology Incubator (ATI); Chairman Emeritus of the Governor's Strategic Partnership for Economic Development (GSPED), High Technology Industry Cluster; past-Director, Arizona Technology Development Authority (ATDA); a former member of the Governor's Council for Workforce Development Policy; past-Chairman of the Industry Advisory Council of Arizona State University's Corporate Leaders Program; and past-Director of the Arizona State University Research Park, among other activities.

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