



# **NextFlex: Hybrid Electronics Manufacturing Innovation Institute**

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# **NextFlex Mission: Public-Private Partnership to Create a Strong U.S. Industrial Base for Hybrid Electronics**



## **Advance Technology & Manufacturing**

**Partner with industry to invest  
in applied research and  
industrially-relevant  
manufacturing technologies**

## **Establish & Grow Manufacturing Industrial Base**

**Establish regional  
manufacturing hubs and  
supply chains for long-term,  
national impact**

## **Secure Human Capital**

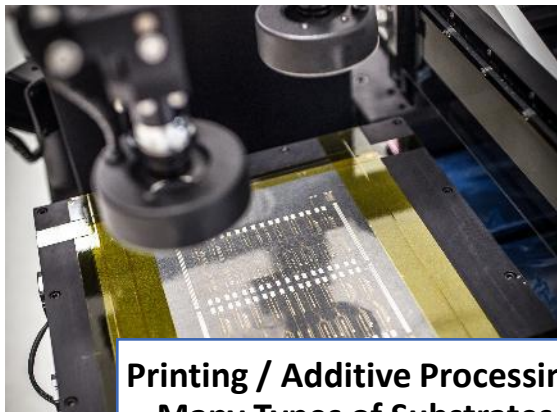
**Develop manufacturing-  
specific education and  
workforce development  
resources to ensure innovative  
technology is manufacturable**

**Transition Technologies to the Commercial and Defense Industrial Base**



# Hybrid Electronics Manufacturing

*Hybrid Electronics (HE) combines additive electronics with electronics assembly, enabling a many device types and spanning electronic packaging to system integration.*



Printing / Additive Processing  
Many Types of Substrates



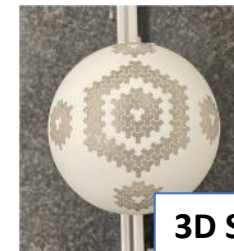
Discrete Components Incl.  
Thin Semiconductor Die



Edge Device /  
Machine Learning



Medical & Wearable



3D Structural  
Electronics



Aerospace &  
Automotive



RF / Communications

Additive Electronics  
Flexible Electronics  
Advanced Packaging

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# What We Do



**NextFlex Technology Hub: Design & Prototyping Services for DoD and Industry**



**FHE Consortium: Critical Members from USG, Industry and Academia**

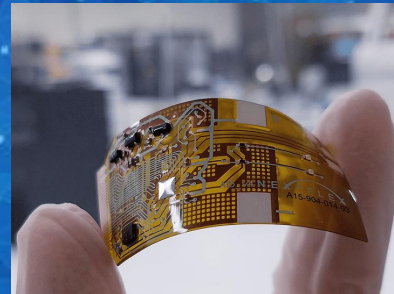


**Regular Communication, Webinars & Workshops, Events**

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**Nationwide Workforce Development Programs**



**Project Calls: Develop FHE Manufacturing Impacting DoD and Industry**



**Technical Working Groups Develop 5-Year Roadmaps that Validate Market Needs**



# STRENGTHENING THE U.S. INDUSTRIAL BASE



## MATERIALS



## EQUIPMENT



## DESIGN/COMPONENT MFG



## SEMICONDUCTOR



## DESIGN/MANUFACTURING



## INDUSTRIAL/AEROSPACE



## MEDICAL/WEARABLE DEVICES



## ACADEMIA



## WORKFORCE

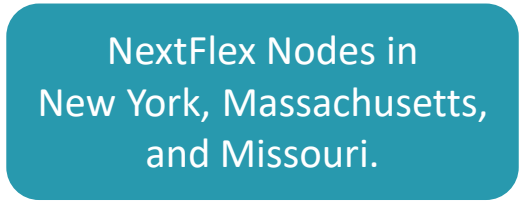


## ASSOCIATE MEMBERS





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# Technical Working Groups (TWGs)











**Manufacturing Thrust Areas**

-  **Device Integration & Packaging**
-  **Materials**
-  **Modeling & Design**
-  **Printed Components & Microfluidics**
-  **Standards, Test & Reliability**



**Technology Platform Demonstrators**

-  **Automotive**
-  **Asset Monitoring Systems**
-  **Flexible Power**
-  **Human Monitoring Systems**
-  **Integrated Antenna Arrays**
-  **Soft & Wearable Robotics**

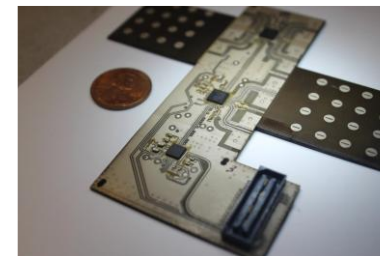




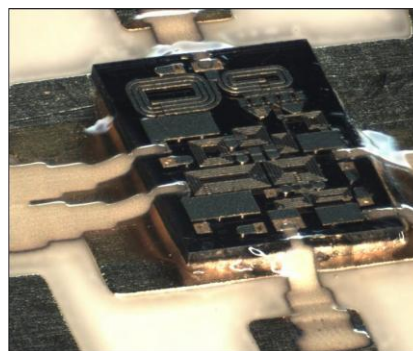
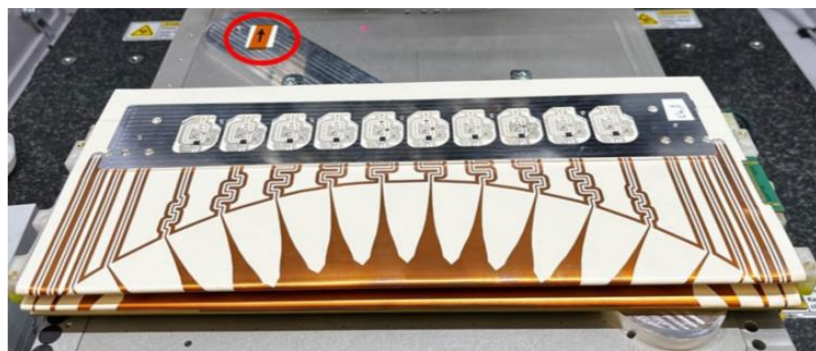
# Project Call Outcome Examples



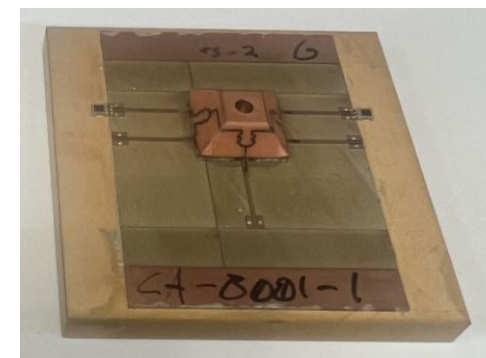
High speed wafer feeder from Universal Instruments Corp. and Binghamton University



High frequency radar demonstrator and UAV integration from Boeing, Matternet, Boise State University, UMass Lowell



Compact RF boards and direct write die integration from Lockheed Martin, Binghamton Univ., Optomec, Univ. of Maryland



Additive RF components, interposers, and 3D packaging by UMass Lowell, Raytheon

# Emerging Themes

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- **Theme #1: Additive Processes for Advanced Packaging**
- **Theme #2: Demonstrated Reliability / Extreme Environments**
- **Theme #3: AI for Hybrid Electronics *and* AI enabled by Hybrid Electronics**
- **Theme #4: Scaled Manufacturing**
- **Theme #5: Technology Transitions**

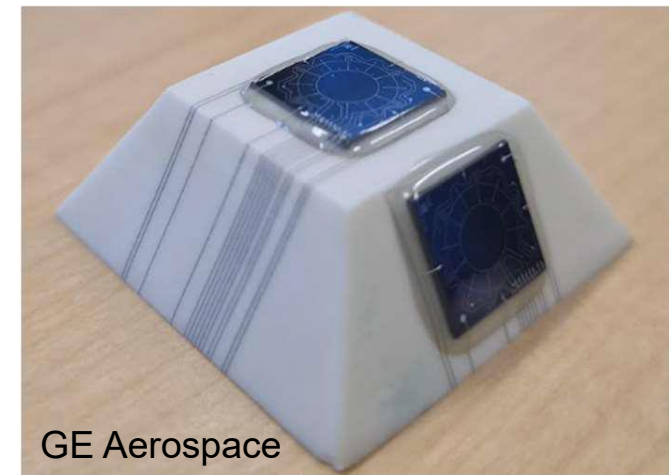
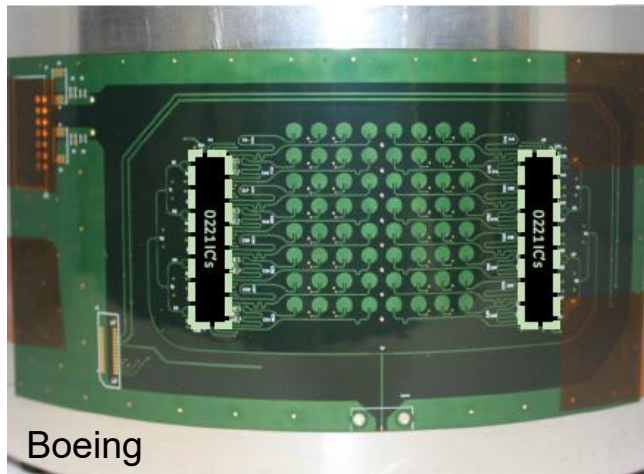
# Benefits of Working with NextFlex



1. Networking
2. De-risk before investing
3. New suppliers / developers / partners
4. Learning
5. Leveraging the investment of others

“NextFlex brings together creative, passionate, and hard-working individuals with diverse backgrounds and experiences within the FHE manufacturing and research ecosystems. By partnering with early adopters within the Department of Defense, NextFlex and its members have matured numerous manufacturing processes, resulting in the demonstration of prototype devices for both commercial and defense applications.”

– **Dr. Benjamin Leever, AFRL**





# Upcoming events: Workshop



## Confirmed speakers from:

- Auburn University
- Boeing
- Economic Development Partnership, AL
- NASA
- AVNIK Defense Solutions
- Nextek
- IS4S
- LPKF Laser
- AeroVironment
- GE Aerospace
- Lockheed Martin
- And more!

Networking activities include a Welcome Reception at the Space and Rocket Center and Dinner at Topgolf!

A promotional poster for a workshop. At the top is the NEXTFLEX logo. Below it, the word "WORKSHOP" is written in large, bold, yellow letters. The title "Hybrid Electronics for Automotive and Aerospace Applications" is in white. The dates "14-16 October, 2025" and location "Auburn University Huntsville, AL" are listed with icons. A QR code is on the right. At the bottom, a yellow button says "REGISTER TODAY" and the website "www.nextflex.us" is listed.

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**Thank you!**

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