

# OAI Industry Roundtable



**Friday, August 20, 2010, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.**

**Location: Ohio Aerospace Institute, 22800 Cedar Point Road, Brook Park, Ohio**

Our members can attend in person or via Webex. For those planning to attend at our facility, pizza and pop will be available for \$6 per person.

**Please RSVP by Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup> to Terri Deacey at [TerriDeacey@oai.org](mailto:TerriDeacey@oai.org). Please let Terri know if you'll attend in person for via Webex, so she can send Webex instructions and/or get an accurate headcount for lunch.**

This month's topic is Growing Northeast Ohio's Advance Energy Industry, and will be presented by Mr. Dave Karpinski, Vice President, NorTech and Director, NorTech Energy Enterprise.

## Overview

NorTech, a regional nonprofit technology-based economic development organization, is a catalyst for growing Northeast Ohio's technology industries. In 2009, NorTech Energy Enterprise, an initiative of NorTech, was created in partnership with The Cleveland Foundation and with support from the Fund for Our Economic Future, to drive growth across all sectors of Northeast Ohio's advanced energy industry. By accelerating commercial activity, NorTech Energy Enterprise is helping to develop the region's advanced energy cluster, which will result in long-term, positive economic impact in Northeast Ohio. Mr. Karpinski will discuss NorTech Energy Enterprise and current project collaborations in offshore wind, energy efficient building technologies, and an advanced energy business incubator. He will also discuss a series of strategic roadmaps, being led by NorTech, in the areas of energy storage, smart grid, transportation electrification and biomass/waste-to-energy.



*David P. Karpinski*

## Your Presenter: David Karpinski

David (Dave) Karpinski joined NorTech in May 2007 as a key member of NorTech's executive management team. Mr. Karpinski is Vice President of NorTech and Director for NorTech Energy Enterprise. A NorTech initiative, NorTech Energy Enterprise was created to accelerate commercial activity in the region's advanced energy industry. He is engaged in forging collaborative partnerships, leading public and private sector advanced energy projects and promoting the region's advanced energy assets. Mr. Karpinski is also leading the development of a series of roadmaps that will identify Northeast Ohio's advanced energy strengths and opportunities to determine the region's distinct advantages in this industry. Prior to his work in advanced energy, Mr. Karpinski led a team from NorTech and MAGNET that developed the Innovation Accelerator, a program designed to stimulate and foster innovation in the manufacturing sector in Northeast Ohio. In its first year, the Innovation Accelerator engaged over 145 manufacturers from over 60 companies across Northeast Ohio.

Mr. Karpinski brings over 20 years experience in a wide variety of sectors within the manufacturing industry including controls, plastics, rubber, primary metals, metal forming, defense and services. Prior to joining NorTech, Mr. Karpinski served as Director of Engineering for Demag Plastics Group, a plastic injection molding machinery manufacturer located in Strongsville, Ohio. He led international design teams including members from the U.S., Germany and India, developing the latest product line of injection molding machines. Mr. Karpinski also spent several years as a consultant with ASE Edge, a Pittsburgh based firm serving mid market manufacturers, where he led several large projects helping his clients re-engineer manufacturing and business processes. He began his career with The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. in Akron, Ohio.

Mr. Karpinski currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Lake Erie Energy Development Corporation (LEEDCo), Tech Belt Energy Innovation Center and Ohio Fuel Cell Coalition. He is active in the Society of Plastics Engineers and an alumni member of the Leadership Cleveland Class of 2010. Mr. Karpinski holds a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from The Ohio State University.