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Rick Jarman is the President & CEO of the National Center for Manufacturing Sciences (NCMS) located in Ann Arbor, Michigan. NCMS is the largest cross-industry collaborative manufacturing research consortium in the United States devoted exclusively to manufacturing technologies, process and practices. Formed in 1986, the NCMS mission is focused on the development of strategic initiatives and programs aimed at sustaining and enhancing the global competitiveness of North American manufacturing.

Prior to his position at NCMS, Mr. Jarman was Director of Technology Partnerships at Eastman-Kodak Company. He was a driving force to forge alliances with industry and government in order to improve commercialization processes through innovation and new technology. Rick was responsible for managing these global relationships and programs with policy makers, partners, and consortia management in order to leverage these synergistic, strategic partnerships.

Rick serves on several industry boards and advisory groups related to his work in building collaborative alliances. Rick is the Co-author of the book "Collaborative R&D: Manufacturing's New Tool" published by John Wiley & Sons N.Y. in April 1999.

In 2001, working with management from several major corporations including Kodak, and elected officials in federal, state, and local offices he co-founded the Infotonics Technology Center in upstate N.Y. The goal of the Center was to establish a unique, world-class research and development center in the area of photonics and related micro-systems. In support of this endeavor, a state-of-the-art prototype and pilot fabrication facility was built to enable innovation and the rapid commercialization of new products.

Mr. Jarman joined Eastman Kodak Company in 1978 with the Business Systems Markets Division where he held a number of advancing roles in field and staff marketing and management positions. In 1986 he was appointed Executive Agency Manager in Washington D.C. This position was established to integrate the strategic planning and markets development for the federal government market.

In 1988 he was selected to represent Kodak on the President's Commission on Executive Exchange. During the year he participated in the commission's program at Harvard University examining the roles of Private Industry and Government. He played a key role on the trade committee during the Commission's meetings in the USSR and Western Europe. Issues discussed included US/USSR joint ventures and the European Community plans for 1992. For the remainder of 1988, Mr. Jarman served as Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Production and Logistics in the Pentagon. Here he provided executive counsel on issues such as Total Quality Management and Bolstering the Defense Industrial Base.

Returning to Kodak, Rick was named Director of International Planning for the Business Imaging Systems Division. In this role he developed alternative business strategies for Europe and provided analysis of competitors and potential alliances for marketing, manufacturing, and design in Europe and Asia.

Mr. Jarman holds a degree in Business Administration from Bloomsburg University and has performed graduate work at Penn State University in the Executive Management Program.

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