

AIAM MEMBER HIGHLIGHT



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IRT started as a "spin-off" of a technology transfer from Michigan Technological University. Glen Barna developed the technology as a graduate student in 1988-1990 and with Carl Anderson he started the company in 1991.

TOTAL NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES

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Number of employees engaged in your aerospace activity?

7-8 Employees

PRESENCE IN MICHIGAN AND IN OTHER STATES/COUNTRIES.

"IRT started working with all three major auto companies and large diesel engine manufacturers in Michigan and the Mid-West. After thirty-two years, our business has expanded into national and international markets servicing the transportation, energy, aerospace and defense industries."

WHAT OPPORTUNITIES DO YOU SEE EXIST IN MICHIGAN FOR THE AEROSPACE INDUSTRY?

"Michigan has an astounding resource of highly trained engineers and technicians from over a hundred years of automotive production. This valuable asset can easily be utilized in the aerospace industry."

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF YOUR COMPANY BEING LOCATED IN MICHIGAN?

"Our remote location creates logistic challenges that we are able to manage and overcome through numerous shipping and receiving options at our disposal. Our close proximity to MTU enables us to utilize a tremendous talent pool as well as cutting edge technology."

WHAT HAS BEEN, IN YOUR OPINION, YOUR COMPANY'S GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT?



"IRT has become a world leader in robust, customized, wireless, data transfer instrumentation for harsh environments. Our customer list has grown to include many Fortune 500 companies. Customers regard our instrumentation as a value-added commodity for their products. Our work with these clients has impacted many aspects of daily life and we are proud to contribute to making the world a better place."

WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS AND VISION FOR YOUR COMPANY OVER THE NEXT FIVE TO TEN YEARS?

"Continue our expansion in the aerospace industry as well as opportunities in the area of alternative energy and fuels. In ten years, we have a goal to double the size of our company."

HOW DOES THE AEROSPACE ASPECT OF YOUR BUSINESS BENEFIT FROM THE AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY IN MICHIGAN?

"Our over thirty year history in the automotive and engine industries creates a solid foundation for applying our technology to the aerospace industry. Working with the aerospace industry is a logical continuum and application of our expertise."

AS AN AIAM MEMBER, WHAT DO YOU SEE AS SOME OF THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES FACING MICHIGAN AND THE AEROSPACE INDUSTRY?

"Recruiting and retaining qualified engineers and technicians."

