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TiE Detroit Announces Jon Rimanelli as Grand Keynote Speaker for TiECon Midwest 2016

Jon Rimanelli, Founder and CEO, Detroit Aircraft Corp will be Grand Keynote Speaker at Ignite2Disrupt.

FARMINGTON HILLS , MICHIGAN, U.S., September 20, 2016 [/EINPresswire.com/](#) -- The Detroit chapter of TiE, largest non-profit entrepreneurial organization, announced Jon Rimanelli as the grand keynote speaker for [TiECon Midwest 2016](#), Michigan's largest conference to be held October 27 and 28, 2016 at The Henry, Dearborn. The announcement was made by [TiE Detroit](#) President, Tel Ganesan.

"We are so excited to have Jon Rimanelli address the entrepreneurial community at the TiECon Midwest 2016 right here in Dearborn. Drones and cars can go hand in hand to improve the delivery side of the automotive services business. Jon is an ideal keynote candidate to speak to us on unmanned aerial vehicles and the next generation of autonomous air mobility," said Tel Ganesan, President TiE Detroit.

Jon is an electronics entrepreneur and private pilot with over 1,000 hours of flight time. He is the founder of Detroit Aircraft and Nextronix Inc. As a contract manufacturer, Jon spent 18 years prototyping and producing automotive, aerospace and communications industries. Nextronix developed one of the first Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Antennae systems in partnership with Motorola and Wison Technologies. He is also the founder of Detroit Air Racing Inc., which lead and facilitated the 2008 Detroit Red Bull Air Races, resulting in over \$100 million in economic impact over three years for both Detroit and Windsor Ontario. In 2013, Jon teamed Lockheed Martin to manufacture and distribute the Indago sUAS VTOL for military, civil and commercial customers worldwide. Detroit Aircraft represents various public safety agencies in the United States to include the City of Detroit to the Federal Aviation Administration for UAS integration for public operations. Jon is also the founder of the Detroit Mobility Park (DMP), a non-profit 501C3, based at Detroit City Airport to facilitate autonomous air and ground mobility testing at the airport. The organization currently sponsors Wayne State's Detroit Aerial Innovations Drone club with laboratory space, materials and funds to support advanced sensor and aircraft R & D. Detroit Aircraft provides Government and Enterprise customers with aerial data collection technologies and services. Detroit Aircraft is actively developing a new VTOL-Transition aircraft which uses hydrogen fuel cell technology to



achieve over 4 hours flight operations for search and rescue and package delivery missions.

In accepting the invitation to be the grand keynote speaker, Jon Rimanelli said, "By 2030, global gridlock will threaten the way people, healthcare and products move, and I'm thrilled to provide an overview on how drones can help reduce pressure on the roads by moving data collection, cargo and passenger mobility to the third dimension. Leveraging Michigan's industrial base, skilled labor, top tier research institutions and connected vehicle technologies, Detroit is in a key position to enable the next generation of autonomous air mobility."

TIECon Midwest 2016 will bring together TIE members, entrepreneurs, venture capitalists, top industry executives and thought leaders in two action-packed days. TIECon Midwest provides a unique opportunity to exchange ideas, explore new businesses, discuss emerging technologies, share growth strategies and obtain insight from global business leaders, community leaders and worldwide experts. The conference will also host "TIE20", which will showcase the most promising 20 start-up companies across TIECon Midwest's five focus segments: IOT/ Sensors, Fintech, Transportation / Mobility, Health / Fitness and Manufacturing Devices/ Augmented Reality / Artificial Intelligence .

Online registration and more information are immediately available for TIECon Midwest 2016 at www.tieconmidwest.org . For more information about the conference, please contact Sarah Myrand, TIE Detroit (248) 254-4043 or via e-mail at sarahm@kyyba.com

About TIECon Midwest 2016

TIECon Midwest 2016 is Michigan's largest entrepreneurial conference, attracting hundreds of entrepreneurs, venture capitalists and other professionals. This year's theme is Ignite2Disrupt. Connected World. Connected Technologies. Our three main tracks will focus on Connected Mobility, Connected Health and Global Connectivity. This year's TIECon Midwest is being held on Oct 27-28, 2016 at "The Henry", Dearborn. For more information, visit <http://www.tieconmidwest.org/>

About TIE

TIE is a global, not-for-profit, non-political, and non-religious organization dedicated to fostering entrepreneurs across its international network sponsored by top Venture Capital Firms, and Fortune 500 corporations; spread across 61 chapters in 18 countries comprising 2500 experienced entrepreneurs and business executives as charter members, 13000 aspiring entrepreneurs and professionals as members. TIE has grown to become the world's largest non-profit organization for entrepreneurs. For more information, visit <http://www.detroit.tie.org/>

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