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Director - Automotive Communities Program and Associate Director - Economics and Business Group

Kim Hill is Director of the Automotive Communities Program and the Associate Director of the Economics and Business Group within CAR. The Automotive Communities Program (ACP) is a program aimed at helping government and economic developers in traditional automotive communities across the upper Midwest and Canada understand the ever-changing dynamic of the automotive industry as these organizations work on attraction and retention efforts. Currently, 40 communities participate in the program, along with five of the largest automobile manufacturing companies in the world and numerous tier one suppliers.

Mr. Hill's work with CAR has focused on economic and business modeling, for the purpose of public policy analysis. He has authored and co-authored studies, for instance, examining the total annual economic activity of the domestic automotive industry; the economic well-being of the top suppliers in the State of Michigan; an analysis of the effects state regulations have on automotive capital investment.

Mr. Hill is CAR's lead investigator on economic impact analyses. These analyses estimate employment and economic impacts on the national and state economies that result from automotive company activities. Studies by CAR have previously examined the impact of the entire U.S. motor vehicle assembly sector, the U.S.-based international assembly sector, Toyota's U.S.-based operations, and will soon be examining the impact of the entire U.S.-based automotive supplier sector.

Prior to joining CAR, Mr. Hill has held a variety of positions in city administration and academia in addition to establishing his own small business. Mr. Hill received his B.F.A. degree from the University of Michigan and a Master's degree in Public Policy from the University of Michigan's Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy.

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Bergstrom Inc. is a global leader in the design and supply of climate systems to the commercial vehicle industry. Since 1949, Bergstrom has supplied many of the world's largest and most respected companies with their heating and air-conditioning needs. By combining progressive engineering talent, lean manufacturing principals and a global footprint, Bergstrom offers a unique blend of commercial vehicle marketplace focus and customer value.

Terry holds a BS in Mechanical Engineering from Tri State University, Angola, Indiana and has acquired twenty eight years of commercial vehicle HVAC experience, twenty four of which have been spent at Bergstrom Inc. Mr. Zeigler is currently responsible for Bergstrom's global development of electrified air conditioning and control systems and he holds several patents on commercial vehicle HVAC systems.

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Brian Nelson is originally from Columbus, Nebraska and received his BSBA from the University of Nebraska and an MBA from Western Illinois University.

Brian's career began in leadership positions in Quality and Manufacturing Engineering at Vickers, Inc., Omaha, Nebraska (now part of Eaton, manufacturer of hydraulic piston and vane pumps), and J.I. Case, Burlington, Iowa (now part of CNH, manufacturer of construction equipment).



For the last 17 years at Haldex Hydraulics Corporation, Brian has held the positions of Manufacturing Engineering and Quality Manager, Vice-President Quality Assurance and Manufacturing Technology, General Manager of the Statesville, North Carolina plant, General Manager of the Rockford, Illinois plant, and his most current job responsibility as the Vice President/General Manager of North American Operations with responsibility for expansion of the Division in Qingzhou, China.