

Thursday, July 17, 2025

MxD, 1415 North Cherry Avenue, Chicago, IL 60642

12:30 PM	Registration Open
1:00 – 1:35 PM	<p>NDIA Welcome & Year in Review: Mr. Nick Cucci, President, NDIA Great Lakes Chapter</p> <p>MxD Welcome: Mr. Berardino Baratta, CEO, MxD</p> <p>APEX Accelerator Update: Mr. Christopher Cooks, Program Manager, Illinois APEX Accelerator at SDA</p>
1:35 – 2:05 pm	Keynote: Mr. Michael A. Brown, Partner, Shield Capital
2:05 – 2:45 pm	Dr. Arun Seraphin, Executive Director, Emerging Technologies Institute (ETI)
2:45 – 3:30 pm	MXD Factory Floor Tour
3:30 – 4:10 pm	<p>Next-Gen Innovation: Quantum Driving the Future of Defense</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. David Boulay, President, IMEC (<i>Moderator</i>) • Dr. Kate Timmerman, CEO, Chicago Quantum Exchange • Dr. Harley Johnson, Director and CEO, Illinois Quantum & Microelectronics Park • Mr. Mark Schwartz, CEO, Hatch Product Development & Contract Manufacturing • Mr. Casimir Peters, Chief Business Development Officer, ILDCEO
4:10 – 4:40 pm	Mr. Jeremy Roehm, Chief of Technology & Partnerships - US, Rolls-Royce
4:40 – 4:45 pm	Talent Pipeline Program Introduction: Mr. Vincent Jordan, TPP Program Director
4:45 – 6:30 pm	Networking Reception

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