The IEEE Region 4 Industry Engagement Committee welcomes all attendees of the Chicago Section Annual Expo & Fair. We hope you find this event to be educational as well as enjoyable. Thank you to the supporting “Industry” Sponsors.
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Serving IEEE Members in all or parts of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota Nebraska, North and South Dakota, Ohio, and Wisconsin.
Region 1 – 29,565 7.0%
Region 2 – 25,130 5.9%
Region 3 – 27,548 6.5%
**Region 4 – 19,901 4.7%**
Region 5 – 25,482 6.0%
Region 6 – 51,311 12.2%
Total USA – 178,937 42.3%
Non-USA – 243,523 57.6%
Worldwide – 422,460 100.0%
Region 7 – 17,253  4.1%
Region 8 – 77,519  18.4%
Region 9 – 18,224  4.3%
Region 10 – 130,527  30.9%
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The Region 4 Industry Engagement Committee facilitates Region 4 industry engagement activities broadly across the Region, coordinates at the Region and Section level, identifies and acts on opportunities, gaps and overlaps across Region 4 and launches initiatives of needed development of products and services that meet the needs of industry, government and industry professionals.

Some of the goals of the Region 4 Industry Engagement Committee:

• **Facilitate activities and programs that will build strong relationships with industry, government and industry professionals, and increase Region 4’s understanding of their needs.**

• **Identify and act on opportunities and gaps, e.g., identifying industry segments or verticals not adequately addressed by existing IEEE services and act by launching initiatives in partnership with other OUs aimed at covering such gaps.**
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• **Gather input from the OUs, industry leaders and professionals** that will help in the development of strategic directions related to the needs of industry, government and industry professionals.

• **Assist the Region 4 Executive Committee with its industry outreach activities**, and by identifying other events and opportunities for focused interaction supporting engagement and relationship building with industry, government and industry leaders.

• **Monitor industry-related activities across Region 4**, identifying opportunities to provide support, coordinating efforts where needed, leveraging successful activities, merging efforts, and launching activities with the goal of strengthening and harmonizing IEEE efforts aimed at addressing the needs of industry, government and industry professionals.

• **Help all Organizational Units, including Sections, Societies and Councils**, form their own industry engagement structures so as to facilitate IEEE engagement with the particular industry entities in their respective scope.
One of the major Region 4 Committees is the Industry Engagement Committee (R4IEC) chaired by Jim Riess. This Committee consists of seven subcommittees:

- one member chairs each one of the subcommittees.
- There are 8 working and 3 advisory members on the main committee.
- Region 4’s Special Projects Committee assists with our projects when needed.
1. The R4IEC gathers input from industry practicing engineering professionals that will help Region 4 and its Sections in the development of their strategic plans related to the needs of industry and IEEE industry practicing professionals.
2. The R4IEC helps Sections develop informational documentation regarding IEEE activities which will be of interest to industry when Sections pursue engagement with industry.
3. The R4IEC develops a database of contacts with local industries and their professional employees and databases of past, present and proposed industry-themed programs in the Region to assist sections in organizing industry-themed events.
4. R4IEC works with IEEE Sections to plan/execute “IEEE Section hosted” events directed toward the industrial and practicing engineering members.
5. R4IEC works with IEEE Sections and Industry Entities to plan/execute “Industry hosted” events directed toward the industrial and practicing engineering members. Job Postings are a spinoff of this committee.
6. R4IEC works with IEEE Sections and Industry Entities to plan and execute “networking events” for interaction between Industry Management and IEEE Industry Professionals and IEEE Section Management.
7. R4IEC works with IEEE Sections and Industry entities to plan and execute a virtual event whether hosted by an industry entity or an IEEE Section. Facilitates virtual events by education and making available usage of a platform for execution of virtual events.
Whether you are an IEEE practicing engineering member or a future IEEE practicing engineering member, the IEEE Region 4 Industry Engagement Committee (R4IEC) wants to insure that there are industry-themed programs which provide value to you. Industry is a key player in this goal.
Contact Jim Riess, R4IEC Chair at j.riess@ieee.org for more information about how the Industry Engagement Committee can work with IEEE Sections and Industry entities to develop valuable Industry Engagement Programs.