

AIEC Joins ARM Technology Access Program

Phoenix, Arizona, June 25, 2002 - Automotive Integrated Electronics Corporation (AIEC), a leading supplier of ASIC design services and custom System on Chip (SoC) solutions to the automotive industry, announced today that it has joined the ARM® ATAP™ technology access program. AIEC becomes the first ATAP member in North America that is dedicated to providing ASIC and SoC solutions to the automotive industry.

In making the announcement, AIEC President and CEO Richard Gauer said, "AIEC designs ASICs and SoCs to the exacting standards of its customers. Now, with direct access to ARM technology, AIEC has the ability to design high-performance low-cost SoCs based on ARM microprocessor cores. The combination of ARM microprocessor cores with AIEC's and third party pre-qualified automotive peripheral sets allows the customer to substantially reduce time-to-market. Additionally, the production proven microprocessor cores and peripherals provide significant product differentiation through higher performance and lower cost than that of a standard product."

"The ARM ATAP program provides a framework for selecting and enabling industry-leading design centers such as AIEC, with the ARM technology necessary for the development of leading-edge SoC designs," said David Lewis, ATAP Program Manager for ARM. "Developers targeting the automotive industry with their ARM Powered® solutions, will be able to use AIEC's services to aid with some of the more complex tasks associated with SoC design, 'bridging the gap' with any skill shortfall while also reducing their time-to-market."

About the ARM ATAP Program

There are currently 31 Partners in the ATAP program, with a resource of more than 3,000 engineers available to work on ARM core-based SoC designs. ATAP design Partners must go through a strict qualification process to become an ARM Approved Design Center. This includes a design flow audit, training on implementing designs with ARM cores, tools, AMBA® interface peripherals and development techniques. Each Design Center must demonstrate its own unique skills in specific technology domains, as well as end-market expertise. The ATAP program also provides additional benefits such as geographic and time-zone locality and local language support. For more information on the ATAP program, please email info@arm.com or visit the ARM web site.

About AIEC

AIEC provides ASIC design services and custom SoC solutions for automotive OEMs. AIEC's platform-based architecture and rapid prototype development systems allow OEMs to quickly realize a system that is optimized for each particular application. These SoC solutions can be manufactured by multiple semiconductor suppliers of the OEMs choosing, ensuring the greatest continuity of supply and the highest levels of service at the lowest cost. Further information on AIEC is available at <http://www.aiec.com>.