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## **Ridgetop Group Accredited as Trusted IC Design Supplier by Department of Defense**

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The U.S. Defense Microelectronics Activity (DMEA), a branch of the Department of Defense (DoD), has granted Ridgetop Group, Inc. full accreditation as a Trusted Integrated Circuit (IC) Supplier for Design Services.

Ridgetop CEO Doug Goodman said, "We are proud to be one of only 20 firms in the entire country to have earned the DMEA accreditation for our mixed-signal IC design services. Over the past decade, our technical staff members have proven their capabilities in providing advanced microelectronic designs for demanding DoD sensing and control applications. Key attributes of our designs include the handling of environmental extremes such as radiation-induced degradation and temperature variations."

The Office of Secretary of Defense (OSD) requires all Mission Assurance Category I systems to employ only DMEA-accredited Trusted IC firms for design, aggregator/broker, mask and wafer fabrication, packaging, and test services for specialized classified and unclassified governmental applications.

With Ridgetop's admission to this important DMEA program, the firm expects an unspecified increase in its DoD-related business level over the next few years as DoD directs its Prime Contractors to utilize Ridgetop's Trusted IC Design services.

### **About Ridgetop Group**

Ridgetop Group, Inc. is the world leader in providing electronic solutions for harsh environments. The company maintains two business divisions, including advanced microelectronics, and electronic prognostics and health management (PHM) solutions for critical electronic sensing and control applications. Founded in 2000, Ridgetop has built an impressive list of customers in North America, Europe, and Asia.

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