



## **NEWS ANNOUNCEMENT**

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### **John Cooney Named Director of SkyWater's U.S. Government Relations**

***Cooney brings extensive policy and government agency experience to support SkyWater's continued growth initiatives for domestic semiconductor solutions***

**BLOOMINGTON, Minn., August 13, 2020** – SkyWater Technology, the trusted technology realization partner, today announced that John Cooney has joined the company from the U.S. Department of Commerce to serve as Director of U.S. Government Relations. He will be focused on deepening the company's relationships within all levels of government, highlighting SkyWater's value proposition as the only U.S.-owned pure-play foundry, and addressing opportunities to meet U.S. government needs.

According to Dr. Brad Ferguson, SkyWater Chief Technology Officer and Government Relations Senior Executive, "With over twenty years of experience working at the international, national, and state government levels, John is truly an asset to our aerospace and defense business unit. He will support SkyWater's unique position as a Trusted supplier and help address the nation's demand for reshoring the semiconductor industry's supply chain and restoring American leadership in semiconductor manufacturing."

Mr. Cooney brings extensive policy and political experience to SkyWater. He most recently served the U.S. Department of Commerce in several positions within the International Trade Administration, including Deputy Assistant Secretary for Global Operations, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Services, and Chief of Staff & Senior Advisor. He has also served in senior roles for members of the U.S. House and the U.S. Senate. Mr. Cooney started his professional career at the Minnesota Legislature focused on small business tax and education legislation. Mr. Cooney graduated from the University of Minnesota with a B.A. in Political Science where he was also a Policy Fellow at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs.

Cooney stated, "I'm excited to join the SkyWater team in my home state of Minnesota, especially at a time when the U.S. government is focusing its efforts to ease heavy dependence on overseas

supply chains. I'm looking forward to helping lead the company's Washington-based and state-based government relations team."

### **About SkyWater Technology**

SkyWater is the only U.S.-owned and U.S.-based pure play semiconductor foundry and is a DoD-accredited Trusted supplier, specializing in custom technology development services and volume manufacturing for integrated circuits and micro devices. Through its Technology Foundry model, SkyWater's world-class operations and unique processing capabilities enable mixed-signal CMOS, power, rad-hard and ROIC solutions. SkyWater's Advanced Technology Services empower development of superconducting and 3D ICs, along with carbon nanotube, photonic and MEMS devices. The company serves customers in growing markets such as aerospace & defense, automotive, biomedical, cloud & computing, consumer, industrial, and IoT. For more information, please visit: [www.skywatertechnology.com/](http://www.skywatertechnology.com/).

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