

United States Senate

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Secretary James Mattis
U.S. Department of Defense
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Dear Secretary Mattis


I request your assistance to expeditiously work with Akoustis Technologies, which has purchased and assumed ownership of the Smart System Technology & Commercialization Center (STC) in Canandaigua, New York, to ensure and assist Akoustis to transfer over the STC's Defense Department Trusted Foundry program designations. Ensuring that Akoustis can continue and maintain the Trusted Foundry program designations will not only continue the ability and capabilities of the STC to supply trusted microelectronic components for the U.S. Defense Department's needs but will aid Akoustis' efforts to grow new jobs and expanded work at the Canandaigua, NY facility.

Beginning in 2011, I was pleased to assist the STC seek and ultimately gain several DoD Trusted Foundry program designations so that it could produce microelectronic components needed by the Defense Department, its trusted contractors, and U.S. intelligence agencies. The Trusted Foundry program is a Department of Defense initiative that accredits specific trusted and secure facilities and suppliers to develop and manufacture integrated circuits and other microelectronic supply-chain components that the DoD relies on for a wide array of defense and intelligence applications.

Today, the STC is designated both as a Trusted Foundry for the processing, packaging and assembly of MEMS and optoelectronic devices (i.e. innovative sensors that use microprocessors to rapidly process data) and as a Trusted Aggregator. Specifically the STC is one of only a handful of U.S. facilities accredited through the DoD's Defense Microelectronics Activity (DMEA) Trusted Foundry program for CMOS post-processing, as well as accreditation for Trusted Aggregation, Packaging, and Assembly Services and is one of only two accredited organizations that can provide integration of Trusted Integrated Circuits with MEMS (Microelectromechanical systems).

As a result of these designations, the facility and the employees have been able to offer an array of specialized and secure capabilities to serve our nation's defense and intelligence agencies and contractors. Thank you in advance for your diligent efforts to assist Akoustis with this process to ensure the continuation of these Trusted Foundry program designations.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charles E. Schumer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C" and a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator