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## **Richardson RFPD and the Chicago Connectivity Announce Collaboration**

*Membership supports IoT collaboration in Chicagoland and greater Midwest communities*

**September 3, 2019 – Geneva, Ill.:** Richardson RFPD, an expert in wireless connectivity components and IoT solutions, announced today that it has become a sponsoring member of the Chicago Connectivity.

Founded in 2017, the [Chicago Connectivity](#) is the first Midwest innovation space dedicated completely to IoT. It is a 20,000 square-foot co-creation space and IoT incubator developed by [Bosch](#) and [1871](#) that fosters collaboration, networking, problem solving, and cutting-edge technology.

As a sponsoring member, Richardson RFPD brings its strong level of IoT and wireless design expertise to the Chicago Connectivity and its members. One of Richardson RFPD's first contributions to the Chicago Connectivity will be the development and installation of an interactive, multi-radio tracking demo with 24/7 cloud-based monitoring. In addition, Richardson RFPD will assist members with identifying the latest wireless and IoT technologies from the newest products offered by Richardson RFPD's franchised suppliers.

Richardson RFPD's extensive IoT offering includes modules, gateways and components for LPWA/cellular, 5G, Bluetooth, Wi-Fi and GNSS applications. Richardson RFPD also has a growing ecosystem of software and design partners to deliver full IoT solutions.

"Richardson RFPD is excited about joining the Chicago Connectivity and supporting the IoT community in Chicago and the greater Midwest," said Rafael R. Salmi, Ph.D., Richardson RFPD's president. "IoT has been a key technology for us for more than a decade, and we look forward to collaborating with other Chicago Connectivity members and partners as we collectively drive the future of IoT."

*"The Chicago Connectivity is excited to welcome Richardson RFPD as a member. The expertise and network that Richardson RFPD will add to the Connectivity community is tremendous," says*



*Dennis Boecker, founder of the Chicago Connectivity. "We are looking forward to developing the community further and enabling co-creation opportunities with Richardson RFPD."*

#### **About Richardson RFPD**

Richardson RFPD, an Arrow Electronics company, is a global leader in the RF, wireless, IoT and power technologies markets. It brings relationships with many of the industry's top radio frequency and power component suppliers. Whether it's designing components or engineering complete solutions, Richardson RFPD's worldwide design centers and technical sales team provide comprehensive support for customers' go-to-market strategy, from prototype to production.

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#### **About the Chicago Connectivity**

The Chicago Connectivity opened its doors to the world of the Internet of Things (IoT) in May 2017. The idea of building and creating a space for the IoT community to meet and collaborate and provide them with the best resources for their success was developed between Bosch and 1871. It is the first Midwest innovation space dedicated completely to the Internet of Things (IoT). Learn more at [chicagoconnectivity.com](http://chicagoconnectivity.com).

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