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### **ECIA Names First of Eight Subject Matter Expert Group (SMEG) Leaders for GIPC**

Atlanta, GA — ECIA announces that Jay Smith, Sr. Quality Consultant with Future Electronics, will lead the newly created Environmental Compliance SMEG. This group will work to identify global environmental issues and provide best practice guidance within the electronic components authorized channel. Jay has over 40 years of Quality Management Experience in Electronic Product Manufacturing and Electronic Component Distribution. He has represented Future Electronics on both NEDA and ECIA committees for over twenty years and has been heavily involved in developing ECIA guidelines for international chemical compliance requirements and quality related topics.

The Environmental Compliance SME group monitors a wide range of environmental topics including international chemical compliance regulations (RoHS, REACH, California Proposition 65), waste (WEEE), conflict/rare earth minerals, batteries, packaging and energy. The number of global environmental regulatory requirements has grown from approximately 2,000 in 2003 to over 33,000 in 2018. Navigating these requirements specific to the electronic components authorized channel is a complex task. This group will seek to identify critical regulations and provide guidance to help member companies prioritize resources and mitigate risk while providing advisories, best practice recommendations and frequent updates to keep up with the fast pace of new and changing regulatory requirements around the world.

We thank Jay Smith, Future Electronics and all the current Environmental SMEG Members from Avnet, Digi-Key, Allied, TTI, TE Connectivity, TI, Kemet, and NXP for getting involved and making a difference.

Additional SME Groups will focus on International Trade Compliance, Business Process Operations, Logistics Services, Customer Experience, IT Security and Quality and are under development by the Global Industry Practices Council and currently recruiting group leaders and members.

For more about the [GIPC and their SMEGs](#), please go to our ECIA website and/or contact Don Elario at [delario@ecianow.org](mailto:delario@ecianow.org)

### **About ECIA**

The Electronic Components Industry Association (ECIA) is made up of the leading electronic component manufacturers, their manufacturer representatives and authorized distributors. ECIA members share a common goal of promoting and improving the business environment for the authorized sale of electronic components to the end customer. Comprised of a broad array of leaders and professionals representing all phases of the electronics components supply chain, ECIA is where business optimization, product authentication and industry advocacy come together. ECIA members develop industry guidelines and technical standards, as well as generate critical business intelligence. For more information, visit [www.ecianow.org](http://www.ecianow.org) or call 678-393-9990.