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**ECIA Executive Conference October 21-23: Keynote by Avnet's Phil Gallagher**  
Event Will Focus on Securing the Future: Your Business, Your Talent, Your Customers

Atlanta, GA - ECIA is pleased to announce that respected industry veteran, Phil Gallagher, will headline this year's 2018 [Executive Conference October 21-23](#) at Loews Chicago O'Hare Hotel in Rosemont, IL. Gallagher is the global president for the electronic components business at Avnet. He leads the company's broadline distribution business with four regional presidents reporting to him -- spanning the Americas, Europe and Asia. He also oversees supplier relationships, global procurement, and supply chain services. Gallagher's keynote presentation will focus on the opportunities as well as some of the challenges still facing the electronics distribution industry today.

The ECIA Executive Conference is the only conference where senior management teams from the electronics industry's leading companies - representing the entire supply chain - gather to understand and address cross-enterprise challenges. Here's where you can gain access to industry experts and knowledge, forge the relationships that can make a real difference, and learn how to remove roadblocks to success. The Executive Conference has been a must-attend event for more than 30 years - there is no other event that offers an in-depth look at the electronics components industry and is as geared towards industry-specific education and fostering meaningful relationships across this section of the supply chain network.

"We look forward to hearing Mr. Gallagher's perspective on the state of the electronics industry as well as the latest trends from the ever-changing world of technology distribution -- which many of our members rely on to get their solutions to market," noted Debbie Conyers, ECIA Vice President of Member Engagement and coordinator of the Executive Conference. "Phil is an industry leader who is well regarded for his deep understanding of the industry and his positive outlook -- which usually includes a couple of colorful sports analogies," she added. "Registration is expected to be very robust this year, so we are encouraging attendees to take advantage of the [early bird registration](#)."

**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. 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.