

# John Bair

## Executive Director

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John Bair brings more than three decades of experience in technology, engineering, manufacturing, entrepreneurship, and organizational leadership to the Ohio Manufacturing Innovation Center (OMIC). Throughout his career, he has built and led organizations focused on translating technology and innovation into practical solutions for industry.

John founded and led The Ohio State University's Center for Design and Manufacturing Excellence (CDME), developing the center into a significant university-industry resource. Under his leadership, CDME generated more than \$21 million in revenue during its first three years while connecting industry with engineering expertise, technology, and product-development resources.

Earlier in his career, John co-founded Pinnacle Data Systems, a technology and electronics manufacturing company serving global original equipment manufacturers. He helped grow the company into an international organization, led it through a public offering, and ultimately through its acquisition by Avnet.

John holds a Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering from The Ohio State University.

As Executive Director of OMIC, John provides strategic leadership focused on organizational growth, industry and technology relationships, long-term sustainability, and the development of partnerships that strengthen Ohio's manufacturing and innovation ecosystem.

Leadership Biography