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Applied Technology Associates (ATA) Names Dr. Neil McCasland as New Director of Technology

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ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Applied Technology Associates (ATA) announced today the appointment of Dr. Neil McCasland as Director of Technology. Dr. McCasland will be a member of the executive leadership team and report directly to ATA’s President, Dan Gillings.

As the Director of Technology, Dr. McCasland will be responsible for technology identification and development across the range of ATA competencies and applications, and will set the vision and strategy for technology development in participation with the Directors of Strategic Development and Business Development. He will lead and manage ATA’s Independent Research and Development (IR&D) program as well as provide technology guidance, support, and risk assessment across all ATA programs to ensure the company is meeting the needs of its current customers and identifying new customers.

Dr. McCasland most recently served as an Air Force Major General and has over 30 years of applied technology management in Air Force and intelligence programs ranging from science and technology investment planning to on-orbit space operations. From 2011 to 2013, he served as the Commander for the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL), Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio where he was responsible for managing the Air Force's $2.2 billion science and technology program, as well as additional customer funded research and development. He was also responsible for a global workforce of approximately 10,400 people in the laboratory's component technology directorates, including the 711th Human Performance Wing and the Air Force Office of Scientific Research.

"Dr. McCasland offers an exceptional combination of technology expertise and management experience to our team," Gillings said. "His thorough understanding of the Aerospace market and technology currency is exactly what is needed to develop effective solutions for our customer’s most demanding challenges."

Dr. McCasland received his bachelor's degree in Astronautical Engineering from the United States Air Force Academy. He completed his master's degree as well as his doctorate in Astronautical Engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).
He is a Senior Member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) and an Associate Fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA).

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Dr. McCasland observes as Rita Gonzalez assembles an ATA Angular Rate Sensor.