



R. Steven Justice is the Executive Director of the Georgia Centers of Innovation responsible for a wide ranging program to provide the technical industry expertise, collaborative research and partnerships to help Georgia's key industries connect, compete and grow. Exclusive to Georgia, the Centers of Innovation provide over 1,000 businesses each year the technical industry expertise, collaborative research, and partnerships to help the State's strategic industries connect, compete and grow globally. The program consists of Centers of Innovation in six key industries - Aerospace, Agribusiness, Energy, Information Technology, Logistics, and Manufacturing.

Mr. Justice brings to this role over 35 years diverse experience in the industry with Lockheed-Martin, Gulfstream Aerospace, Northrop, Delta Air Lines, and The Ginn Group in addition to founding two Georgia based companies. He previously served for six years as the Director of the Center of Innovation for Aerospace.

His experience spans engineering, information technology, and management of major programs and organizations including teams consisting of major North American, European, and Asian companies. In his aerospace career Mr. Justice participated in the development, certification, and support of several notable aircraft including Lockheed Martin F-22 Raptor and C-130J Hercules as well as the Northrop B-2 "Stealth Bomber" and the Gulfstream G-IV business jet. He is also a Licensed Professional Engineer in Georgia.

Steve is a member of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) Board of Trustees and past member of the Public Policy Committee and past Chair of the Technical Committee on Society and Aerospace Technology. He is a former Secretary of the Aerospace States Association. He is also a member of the Commemorative Air Force, the Atlanta Aero Club, and Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA).

Mr. Justice is a member of the Georgia Institute of Technology School of Aerospace Engineering Advisory Council, Georgia Southern University College of Engineering and Information Technology Advisory Council, and the Georgia Manufacturing Extension Program Advisory Board.

Mr. Justice has been listed as one of the "100 Most Influential Georgians" by Georgia Trend Magazine. In addition, he has received numerous other honors including the prestigious Red Dot Design Award by the Design Zentrum Nordrhein Westfalen in Germany for his part in the design of the innovative EOS Airline seat; induction into the Georgia Institute of Technology "Council of Outstanding Young Engineering Alumni"; the AIAA Distinguished Service Award, and is an AIAA Associate Fellow.