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ITT Endows Chair for Wireless Communication at IPFW

FORT WAYNE, Ind.—ITT Aerospace/Communications Division of ITT Corporation has established an endowment fund for the purpose of hiring faculty of the highest quality and attracting students of exceptional ability to the undergraduate and graduate degree programs in engineering at Indiana University–Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW).

Todor Cooklev has been named the ITT Associate Professor of Wireless Communication and Applied Research. Cooklev has been the director of the IPFW Wireless Technology Center, an IPFW Center of Excellence, since 2008. The mission of the Wireless Technology Center is broad-based leadership in research, teaching, and engagement. The educational and research activities of the Center will provide Northeast Indiana industry with extensive knowledge in the wireless communications area, which can be applied to the development of improved military communication systems. Joint projects with industry will provide additional training for IPFW students while addressing the needs of the Fort Wayne community.

Ken Peterman, ITT president and general manager, says, “ITT is pleased with the progress that IPFW and Dr. Cooklev continue to make through the ITT endowed chair and the Wireless Technology Center. His energy and enthusiasm for all things wireless are creating new opportunities for IPFW and the local community.”

Cooklev earned a Ph.D. EE from the Tokyo Institute of Technology, Tokyo, Japan in 1995. “Fort Wayne is one of the main centers for the defense wireless communication industry in the U.S. Wireless is currently the biggest high-tech industry business and it will continue to grow,” he says.

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