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Griffiss Institute Names Matthew Mroz as Executive Vice President for Strategic Programs

Rome, NY – July 23, 2024 - Griffiss Institute is pleased to announce the appointment of Matthew A. Mroz as its new Executive Vice President for Strategic Programs. In this role, Mroz will focus on enhancing the Institute's national reach and influence, spearheading initiatives that foster the development of next-generation STEM talent and technology accelerators. His responsibilities will include leading and scaling programs that create opportunities for economic, technical, and educational advancement across various U.S. regions.

Heather Hage, President & CEO of Griffiss Institute, expressed her support: "Matt's extensive experience in technology commercialization and strategic partnerships will be invaluable as we continue to expand our programs and national impact. His vision and leadership are crucial to driving our mission forward and enhancing our contributions to STEM talent development and innovation."

Matthew Mroz brings over 15 years of progressive experience in technology commercialization, academic research and development, and public-private partnerships. His deep expertise in intellectual property management, business development, and strategic partnerships makes him an ideal fit for this critical role. Matt's entrepreneurial approach and commitment to continuous business improvement have been demonstrated throughout his tenure at The Research Foundation of The State University of New York (SUNY), where he most recently served as Vice President for Industry and External Affairs.

"I am excited to join the Griffiss Institute and lead the effort to establish it as a national leader in STEM talent and technology acceleration for the American defense industrial base," said Mroz. "This is a tremendous opportunity to foster innovation and collaboration on a national scale, and I

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look forward to contributing to the Institute's growth and success while strengthening U.S. national security and creating economic opportunity for regions across the country."

Reflecting on Matthew's contribution to the RF and SUNY research community, Dr. Melur Ramasubramanian, RF President and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost for SUNY said, "Matthew has been a driving force in our technology commercialization and industry engagement efforts. His strategic vision and ability to forge impactful partnerships have significantly advanced our mission. Griffiss Institute will greatly benefit from his expertise. Together with his colleagues at the RF and across the SUNY system I wish him much future success."

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About Griffiss Institute:

The Griffiss Institute cultivates talent and technology that tackles the world's biggest challenges. It does so alongside the United States Department of Defense's Air Force Research Laboratory Information Directorate (AFRL/RI) and an international network of academic, government, and industry partners. Founded in 2002 in the Mohawk Valley region of Upstate New York, Griffiss Institute has origins as an incubator of ideas. With technology transfer at its core, it forges connections and pathways that enable real-life solutions to make their way from the lab bench to commercial uses. Griffiss Institute continues to elevate and develop the next generation of STEM students, professionals, and technologies that enhance our national security. griffissinstitute.org.

About the Innovare Advancement Center:

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