



Distinguished Guests,

On behalf of the Cascadia Capital team and our event collaborators—the Carnegie Mellon University School of Computer Science, Innovation Works, and the Pittsburgh Robotics Network—I am pleased to welcome you to the 2022 Cascadia Connect Robotics, Automation, & AI (RAAI) Conference!

Our gathering is centered around the power of connection. As investment bankers, advisors, and investors (via the Cascadia Acquisition Corp. SPAC), we work to connect innovators with opportunities, passionate entrepreneurs and operators with value-additive investors and strategic partners, and bold thinkers with like-minded changemakers. But perhaps our most important job is connecting the dots—recognizing patterns across industries, geographies, and time periods—allowing us to see just around the curve in the road ahead and provide timely, nuanced counsel.

Our focus on the RAAI sector and Industry 4.0 was born out of this honed practice of pattern recognition. Cascadia Capital is home to one of the nation's first growth investment banking practice groups dedicated to the RAAI sector. We have established a deep understanding of the underlying technologies and end markets while developing valuable relationships with strategic buyers and investors. We know that the convergence of technology developments with exogenous factors like onshoring and labor shortages are leading to a fundamental shift that will place the RAAI industry at the center of our global economy.

By virtue of our focused efforts, we have developed a special relationship with Pittsburgh and its RAAI community, the home base to some of the preeminent experts and organizations moving the global RAAI industry forward. With over 100 organizations developing market solutions, Pittsburgh is recognized as the Robotics Capital of the World. Most notably acknowledged as the world's center for innovation in the autonomous vehicle sector, this city's companies and thought leaders have been working for decades to take novel ideas from fledgling prototypes in laboratories to successful real-world applications.

Fittingly nicknamed “The City of Bridges,” the innovation in Pittsburgh is fueled by powerful connections and bridges built across the non-profit, education, business, finance, and government sectors. We have witnessed similar explosions of industry growth in cities like Seattle and Austin, and Pittsburgh has that rare alchemy that will ensure its continued expansion in the RAAI sector over the next decade and beyond.

We would like to thank the organizations that have welcomed us with open arms and helped make this event a success, including our event collaborators—the Carnegie Mellon University School of Computer Science, Innovation Works, and the Pittsburgh Robotics Network. We are also honored by the presence and support of Silicon Valley Robotics, MassRobotics, the Pittsburgh Regional Alliance, the Pittsburgh Regional Industrial Development Corporation, and each of our esteemed conference speakers. These organizations and individuals have demonstrated the exponential impact that authentic connection and selfless collaboration can have on a worthwhile endeavor.

It is our hope that this conference will be the birthplace of innovative ideas that outlive us all. We encourage you to learn, enjoy, and, most importantly—connect—during your time here.

With gratitude,

Michael Butler
Chairman & CEO
Cascadia Capital

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