

## **Office of Technology Commercialization Welcomes James (Jamie) F. Rhodes as New Ventures Director**

COLLEGE STATION, Texas – James (Jamie) F. Rhodes has been announced as director for new ventures in The Texas A&M University System Office of Technology Commercialization. Rhodes will direct the development and commercialization of new ventures developed within the A&M System by interacting with faculty, staff, industry, and private investors.

Rhodes has over 30 years of experience in technology management. He is a successful entrepreneur who co-founded National NanoMaterials, which is the manufacturer of GraphenoI™, a functionalized form of graphene and previously founded Perceptive Sciences Corporation, a top market research company. He also co-founded a venture capital funded telecom start-up and spent his early career as a software engineer with a number of Austin-based start-up companies, including National Instruments. Rhodes' career includes nine years of management with IBM where he led various projects, including IBM's first object-oriented system management platform and IBM's PC Server operating system.

With the support of the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce, Rhodes founded and is chairman of the Central Texas Angel Network, which provides funding and support to Texas entrepreneurs, and organized Angel groups throughout the state into the Alliance of Texas Angel Networks to foster investments. He is a member of the board of directors of the Angel Capital Association, the national organization representing seed stage investors, an advisory board member on the Central Texas Regional Center of Innovation and Commercialization, is a board member of the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce and the Texas Tri-Cities Chapter of the National Association of Corporate Directors. Rhodes is serving, or has served, on the advisory boards of St. Edwards University School of Behavioral and Social Sciences, St. Edward's University School of Business, the University of Texas IC2 Institute, the Rice Alliance Austin Chapter, United Way Austin, and the Austin Music Foundation.

He formerly taught new venture creation at St. Edward's University and entrepreneurship at Texas State University. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in communication and Master of Science in technology commercialization from The University of Texas Austin.