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As CEO, Dr. Hopkins leads the U.S. Department of Energy supported Manufacturing USA composites institute. This public-private partnership leads domestic production research and development knowledge, and catalyzes economic development across the U.S. advanced composites industry. The institute is supported by a \$70 million commitment from the U.S. Department of Energy's Advanced Manufacturing Office, and over \$180 million from other public and private partners.

Prior to his role with IACMI, Hopkins served as Director of Strategic Operations in the UT Office of the Executive Vice President. In this role, he led several statewide initiatives, including a National Science Foundation (NSF) program, TN-SCORE, consisting of more than 30 academic and industry partners focused on solar energy and energy storage research, as well as related K-12 outreach. In support of TN-SCORE and related NSF EPSCoR programs across the country, he chaired both a national conference and workshop series for innovation and entrepreneurship.

Dr. Hopkins served in several leadership roles at the UT Research Foundation, including Director of Technology Transfer, and led the organization through several restructurings to build capacity and improve processes in service of a growing the UT research enterprise. As faculty member at the University of Tennessee Space Institute, he managed funded research projects in laser materials processing sponsored by numerous industry partners and the U.S. Departments of Energy and Defense. Dr. Hopkins is a licensed engineer in Tennessee, author of 50 technical papers, and named inventor on 11 U.S. patents, which resulted in two start-up companies.

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