

Stephen Zimmer Biography

Name: Stephen Zimmer

Title: Executive Director

Company: USAutoPARTs

Presentation: Coming Soon

Stephen Zimmer is the executive director of U.S. Automotive Partnership for Advancing Research and Technologies (USAutoPARTs), a not-for-profit 501 (c)3, pre-competitive research organization in Metro Detroit. USAutoPARTs serves as a cooperative research alliance among representatives of the automotive supplier industry, governmental entities and universities dedicated solely to advancing the development of automotive technologies, processes and materials of the future.

Prior to joining USAutoPARTs, Mr. Zimmer served as director of Government Collaborative Programs for Chrysler LLC from 2004 until 2007. In this position, he was responsible for overseeing Chrysler's advanced R&D programs with various government agencies including the Departments of Energy, Commerce, Transportation and Defense. In this capacity he also served as Chrysler's director of the FreedomCAR and Fuels Partnership, a joint venture between USCAR, the Department of Energy and five major energy companies with a focus on pre-competitive R&D for future alternative vehicle propulsion systems and fueling infrastructure.

Mr. Zimmer has more than 30 years of automotive experience with Chrysler and Ford Motor Company. His experience with executive leadership ranges from assignments in R&D, product development, advanced vehicle engineering, procurement and supply, supplier quality, logistics and strategic planning.

Throughout his career, Mr. Zimmer has held leadership positions in several collaborative organizations that include industry, government and academic organizations. He has extensive experience in working with various federal agencies including DOD, EPA, DOC, NAS, DOT, OMB, the Administration and Congress.

Mr. Zimmer has also held co-chair positions with 2008 SAE World Congress and 2000 Convergence. He held the chairman of the board and a member of board of directors of the Automotive Industry Action Group for 10 consecutive years beginning in 1987, and also served as chairman of the board and a member of board of directors of the Michigan Minority Business Development Council from 1984 until 1994.

Mr. Zimmer attended the University of Michigan in 1997 as part of the Executive Business Program and earned his B.A. and M.B.A. degrees from Eastern Michigan University in 1970 and 1973, respectively.