



## **Brent Case – Bio**

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Brent Case joined the MidMichigan Innovation Center (MMIC) in January 2007 to increase the visibility of MMIC and help create new programs to support MMIC tenants and other entrepreneurs in the area. Brent is collaborating with regional, state, and federal leaders to enhance the overall entrepreneurial environment in mid-Michigan. Since arriving, MMIC became the first satellite location for a SmartZone in the state. Brent was also actively involved in the launch of the Mid-Michigan Inventors Group, MMIC's Virtual Tenant Program, the Regional Brain Bank mentoring database, and the BlueWater Angels, a group of thirty angel investors from around the region. Since July 2005, the 15 tenant companies that call MMIC home have added 58 new jobs and over \$4 million in new payroll, making MMIC an emerging economic engine for the region.

Prior to joining MMIC, Brent was the director of business development for Central Michigan Research Corporation (CMU-RC). During his four years at CMU-RC Brent assisted over one hundred entrepreneurs, researchers, and young companies. Brent helped secure millions of dollars from the state and federal government to support several research and development projects, and construct an 18,000 square foot laboratory addition at CMU-RC.

Brent spent two years at the Michigan Economic Development Corporation developing initiatives supporting advanced manufacturing, alternative energy, nano-technology, and entrepreneurship. Before shifting his career to economic development, Brent held challenging positions in manufacturing operations, including jobs as product design engineer, inventory manager, supply-base manager, and master scheduler.

Brent graduated from Central Michigan University cum-laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Management, and completed a Master of Arts in Industrial Technology in 2004, also at CMU. Prior to college, Brent was a paratrooper with the 18<sup>th</sup> Airborne Corps at Ft. Bragg, NC where he deployed to the Persian Gulf three weeks after Iraq invaded Kuwait to serve in Desert Storm and Desert Shield.