



*“Creative Solutions Since 1925”*

---

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**SMITHERS HIRES GEORGE CLINE TO HEAD  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT**

AKRON, Ohio (June 30, 2001) – George E. Cline has joined Smithers Scientific Services Inc. as director of the company’s information technology department, as the company makes an investment to enhance its “operational excellence,” said President and CEO J. Michael Hochschwender.

“George will, in fact, be a portfolio manager of projects aimed at redefining and enhancing the operational relationships we have with our clients,” Mr. Hochschwender continued. “These projects will target greater efficiency and ease of doing business through increased connectivity between Smithers and its clients.”

Mr. Cline, 36, is responsible for overseeing all corporate computer systems, management information, Web site and e-commerce activities at the Akron, Ohio-based independent testing, research and consulting firm.

He brings to Smithers an extensive 14-plus-year background in systems development and independent consulting, analysis and requirements management, business systems management, and product development, software engineering and IT management.

Prior to joining Smithers, he was director of systems development and an independent consultant for ShipLogix of Akron, and before that, a senior systems development specialist at ACS Government Solutions Group in Millington, Tenn.

A native of Augusta, Ga., Mr. Cline holds a Master of Science degree in Computer Science from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg, and two Bachelor of Science degrees in Applied Mathematics and Computer Science from the University of Akron. He and his wife, Mojgan, reside in Bath, Ohio, with their daughter, Courtney, 4.

# # #