

# CEC Controls Achieves Rockwell Automation Gold Status

*Milestone elevates delivery speed, technical depth, and lifecycle support—CEC is one of only two Gold certified partners in Southeastern Michigan*

Warren, Michigan, January 21, 2026 — **CEC Controls**, a member of SCIO Automation Group, announced it has achieved Rockwell Automation Gold System Integrator status. The designation recognizes advanced technical competency across Allen-Bradley® and Factory-Talk® platforms, sustained performance on complex projects, and a demonstrated commitment to customer outcomes. CEC Controls is one of only two Rockwell Automation Gold System Integrators in Southeastern Michigan, underscoring its leadership in a region central to North American manufacturing.

"This recognition is about customer impact, not just a badge," said Blake Collins, Director Business Development North America. "As a Gold System Integrator, we gain closer alignment with Rockwell Automation's technical teams, earlier insight into product roadmaps, and priority access to advanced resources. Practically, that means faster issue resolution, higher system reliability, and lower total cost of ownership for our customers."

The Gold tier—one of Rockwell Automation's highest levels of recognition for system integrators—signals rigorous training, proven delivery excellence, and best practice adoption across safety, networking, motion, and information solutions. For manufacturers, the upgrade strengthens CEC Controls' ability to standardize architectures, accelerate commissioning, and scale modernizations while maintaining compliance and security.

"Our customers are navigating simultaneous pressures: quality, throughput, labor constraints, and digital transformation," said Jim Stanley, President of CEC Controls. "With Gold status, we can bring deeper domain expertise, validated solution patterns, and enhanced lifecycle support to every project—from greenfield lines to brownfield upgrades—so plants can ramp faster, run smarter, and pivot with confidence."

As part of SCIO Automation Group, CEC Controls integrates this recognition into a broader platform of automation capabilities spanning concept design, controls engineering, robotics and motion, industrial networking, functional safety, MES/SCADA, and data driven performance optimization. The company serves automotive, aerospace, consumer goods, life sciences, food & beverage, and general manufacturing with end-to-end services from engineering through commissioning and long-term support.

"This milestone reflects the strength of our people and our platform," added Mike Sobecki, Director of Operations. "Within SCIO, we emphasize customer results, standardization where it helps, and flexibility where it matters. Rockwell Gold status amplifies those values by giving our teams tighter collaboration channels and accelerated knowledge transfer; direct benefits our customers will feel on the plant floor."

### **About CEC Controls**

CEC Controls is a leading provider of industrial automation and control solutions, specializing in the design, integration, and lifecycle support of custom control systems for mission critical manufacturing. A member of SCIO Automation North America, CEC Controls combines deep engineering expertise with a platform approach to deliver reliable, scalable, and data-enabled solutions that improve productivity, quality, and flexibility.

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### **About SCIO Automation Group**

SCIO Automation Group is a global end-to-end automation platform that passionately believes in its mission to support companies on their journey towards Industry 4.0. As a system integrator, SCIO automates production and logistics processes. As an innovator, SCIO develops value-adding, tailor-made automation solutions in the fields of autonomous mobile robots, software, cleanroom and food intralogistics, and industrial labeling. SCIO Automation and its members of SCIO brands bring together 1,800 employees across more than 60 locations worldwide. Together, they enable smart factory solutions for global players and hidden champions across a wide range of industries.

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