

# TIMELINE

## THE HISTORY OF QED-C

**2016**

Carl Williams of NIST conceives the idea of a quantum consortium

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Initial planning meetings are held

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**June**

**2018**

SRI drafts a white paper laying out the vision for QED-C

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**December**

**2018**

The National Quantum Initiative is signed into law

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**September**

**2019**

NIST and SRI sign first Dept of Commerce OTA to establish QED-C

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**November**

**2019**

QED-C is officially launched with Joe Broz as Executive Director

QED-C holds its first workshop

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**May**

**2020**

QED-C releases its first report - Cryogenics for QIST

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**September**

**2020**

The steering committee is confirmed

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**March**

**2021**

Celia Merzbacher appointed Executive Director

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**October**

**2021**

QED-C announces public availability of an open-source suite of application-oriented performance benchmark programs

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**December**

**2021**

QED-C releases first Guide to a quantum safe organization

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**May**

**2022**

QED-C launches sponsored cryogenics R&D program with four projects

**June**

**2022**

Membership is expanded to 37 countries

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**January**

**2023**

QED-C becomes a founding member of the International Council of Quantum Industry Associations (ICQIA)

**May**

**2023**

QED-C launches second sponsored R&D program for control and readout electronics

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**June**

**2023**

Executive director Celia Merzbacher testifies before congress

**May**

**2024**

QED-C hosts first technology showcase on Capitol Hill

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QED-C invited to the G7 summit

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**November**

**2024**

QED-C launches third sponsored R&D program with two projects on Photonic Integrated Circuits (PICs) for Quantum Applications