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## Niobium Microsystems Closes \$5.5M Seed Round

### Galois Spinout Secures Funding for Zero Trust Computing Custom Silicon

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**Portland, OR** — Niobium Microsystems, a Galois spinout and leading custom silicon provider for Zero Trust Computing, today announced the completion of a \$5.5 million seed funding round with participation from Hale Capital Partners alongside Fusion Fund and Morgan Creek Capital.

Niobium is developing hardware-based solutions that enable Fully Homomorphic Encryption (FHE) acceleration, allowing computation on encrypted data without ever decrypting it. This breakthrough technology addresses one of the most critical challenges in cybersecurity and data privacy for defense, intelligence, and commercial applications.

The seed funding will enable Niobium to advance its custom silicon chip development and expand its engineering team. Niobium was accepted into the Silicon Catalyst semiconductor incubator, gaining access to design tools, fabrication services, and industry expertise.

Hale Capital's participation reflects its strategy of investing in early-stage national security technology companies with transformative potential, particularly those with origins in leading research organizations like Galois.

### About Hale Capital Partners

Hale Capital Partners is a private equity firm that partners with talented entrepreneurs to achieve remarkable corporate transformations. Founded in 2007 by Martin M. Hale Jr., HCP invests in defense technology, federal services, and commercial technology companies. With an evergreen fund structure, the firm serves as a long-term steward for growth-oriented businesses, bringing deep operational expertise, institutional knowledge, and a proven track record spanning 19 years of investing across market cycles.

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