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Jan Willis is Cadence Senior Vice President of Industry Alliances, reporting to Michael J. Fister, President and CEO. She is responsible for building alliances that shape the industry with leading foundries, semiconductor equipment manufacturers and IP providers. She and her team lead with an open approach that enables Cadence to build industry-wide initiatives and standards to help customers succeed. Willis has been instrumental in helping both the OpenAccess and X Initiatives achieve significant membership growth and acceptance throughout the industry.

Willis joined Cadence from Simplex Solutions, where she served as vice president of Business Development. Before Simplex, she worked at Synopsys, Inc., where she was director of product marketing and semiconductor partnerships. Prior to Synopsys, Willis spent more than five years at Hewlett-Packard Company, where she held various technical and management positions.

Willis serves on the board of Si2 and is a founder and steering group member for the X Initiative. She also serves on the Board of Directors of The Tech Museum of Innovation. Willis has a B.S. in Electrical and Computer Engineering from the University of Missouri at Columbia, and an M.B.A. from Stanford University.