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Executive Biography

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Kathy Tobin is vice president and general manager of Specialty Printing Systems in the Printing and Personal Systems Group at HP. She and her team are responsible for commercializing new industrial applications of HP Thermal Inkjet technology, including LightScribe Direct Disc Labeling.

Tobin also is responsible for HP's High Performance Dispensing (HPD) business. HP HPD utilizes HP Thermal Inkjet Technology for laboratory dispensing applications in the life sciences. The first dispensing product has won Best New Technology, European Laboratory Robotics Interest Group; Frost & Sullivan New Product Innovation Award, Bio Pharma Research North America 2011; and New Product Award, Bio Pharma Research, Society for Laboratory Automation and Screening.

Tobin has held various roles in research and development as well as in sales and marketing at HP and Agilent Technologies. Tobin acted as development lead for test methodology used in the design and manufacture of integrated circuits in use today throughout the semi conductor industry. She also developed Turnkey HP LaserJet printer while at Agilent and was the startup manager for HP's LightScribe Direct Disc Labeling.

Tobin also has held positions in sales and marketing, and manufacturing engineering roles at IBM. She started her engineering career as an integrated circuit design engineer at Raytheon.

Tobin holds a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Michigan Technological University. She also completed the Executive Development Program at J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University and the Entrepreneurship Development Program at the MIT Sloan School of Management.