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## Center of Innovation Manufacturing Excellence

PAVING THE WAY FOR MANUFACTURING SUCCESS



Companies seeking help in meeting the challenges generated by global competition will find assistance and leading-edge training in advanced manufacturing through the Center of Innovation for Manufacturing Excellence in Gainesville. The program serves as the epicenter for the very latest in manufacturing technology, paving the way for the industry to flourish in Georgia.



A partnership between advanced technology equipment manufacturers from all over the world and the Manufacturing Excellence program allows the center to provide an impressive array of robotic technology on site. Having this equipment in a central location allows companies to send employees - operators and technicians - to the center for specific training.



In fact, training programs are customized to each company's needs - allowing the trainee to return to their manufacturing organization with skills and experience that are directly applicable to the job they do every day. Another benefit to a company having a fully trained workforce is the ability to completely utilize the new technology in their plant; thereby, solving the common issues of new equipment being underutilized and efficiencies not being realized due to a lack of knowledge and training.

In the near future, the center will offer industry standard robotic programming for manufacturers requiring programming assistance. Additionally, a manufacturing focused incubator will launch in the summer of 2006 and will provide a conduit for growing new jobs in Georgia through new technology resources. By offering development, technology transfer capabilities and focusing on applied research, training and application, the center provides custom solutions to meet the industry's challenges.

Georgia's Center of Innovation program, launched by Governor Sonny Perdue in 2003, provides a portal to the statewide network of hubs of excellence in the areas of aerospace, agriculture, life sciences, manufacturing, information technology and maritime logistics. By leveraging Georgia's strategic industries, the state is creating new jobs, increasing investment and ensuring long-term economic opportunity.

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