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Shingo Update

On May 22, the Enterprise Innovation Institute will host the Inaugural Georgia Operational Excellence Conference at Georgia Tech's Global Learning Center in Midtown Atlanta. Georgia manufacturers will have the opportunity to hear from companies that have won the Shingo Prize, known as "the Nobel Prize of manufacturing," and learn how they can be part of future Georgia Shingo Prizes, which the institute will begin awarding next year.

For details, contact **Tim Israel** (404/894-2272, tim.israel@innovate.gatech.edu).

Voyage to Vienna

In March, **Bill Meffert**, head of Georgia Tech's Energy and Environmental Management Center (EEMC), participated in the United Nations Industrial Development Organization's Expert Group Meeting on Industrial Energy Efficiency and Energy Management Standards in Vienna.



The two-day event drew attendees from the United States, Denmark, Ireland, South Africa, China, Malaysia, and Brazil, among other nations, and topics ranged from standards framework to measurement and verification to training. Meffert spoke on the American National Standards Institute MSE 2000:2005, which EEMC originally designed and subsequently revised it.

MEP Practitioner of the Year

In late April, **Ed Hardison** of Georgia Tech's Albany office was named MEP Practitioner of the Year at the national MEP conference in Orlando, Fla. Assisting Georgia manufacturers in many capacities—including quality, energy, and environment—he was nominated by his fellow staff in Industry Services and was one of only five winners in a field of more than 800 practitioners in MEP's nationwide system.

Assistance for Automotive Suppliers

In partnership with the Governor's Office of Workforce Development and the Gainesville-based Center of Innovation for Manufacturing Excellence, Georgia Tech's Enterprise Innovation Institute will provide business development assistance to automotive suppliers adversely affected by the recent closures of metro Atlanta's Ford and GM assembly plants. These firms range from instrument makers to upholstery manufacturers, and the program will run from March through December 2007.

Assistance will include an initial assessment, called a competitiveness review, of a supplier's sales, marketing, quality, customer service, product development, and production systems. Training based on the review's most promising areas will follow. These workshops likely will include a vertical team—from management to shop-floor personnel. They may be held on-site or off-site and be conducted for multiple suppliers at one time. The goal is to help suppliers become more competitive through expansion of their current customer sets and product lines, improved focus on customer service, and enhanced operations.

For information on eligibility, cost, and further assistance, contact your Georgia Tech region manager.

Plant's Feasibility Proves Out

Recently, researchers from Georgia Tech's EDA University Center and the Georgia Manufacturing Extension Partnership were asked to determine the feasibility of a proposed fiberglass insulation plant in **Washington**, Ga. The facility, AFG Insulations, would benefit the **Wilkes County** economy to the tune of \$16 million in capital investment and 82 new jobs. Working with a set of conservative assumptions, the study found the operation to be feasible. Company owner Madanjit Oberoi is seeking financing and expects to begin site work sometime in 2007.

As an annual sponsor of Manufacturing Appreciation Week (MAW), Georgia Tech's Enterprise Innovation Institute would like to congratulate the winners of Manufacturer of the Year in three categories: TEMCOR (small), Ricoh Electronics (medium), and Perdue Farms (large). They were selected from more than five dozen outstanding nominees statewide and are most deserving of this recognition. The MAW event is sponsored by the Georgia Department of Economic Development and the Georgia Department of Technical and Adult Education. For more information on MAW, visit this Web site: <http://www.georgiamaw.org>

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