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The biannual **Georgia Manufacturing Survey** will get under way later this year, its theme will be "Innovation in a Flat World."

The Enterprise Innovation Institute will be hosting the first annual **Georgia Shingo Prize Conference**, which recognizes excellence in manufacturing practices. The conference will be held May 22-24, 2007, in Atlanta. For more information, contact Tim Israel at 404/894-2272 or tim.israel@innovate.gatech.edu.

This year's **Manufacturing Appreciation Week** luncheon will be held Thursday, April 12, 2007, at the Cobb Galleria Centre. Awards annually go to three categories: small, medium, and large manufacturers, with selection criteria based on demonstration of corporate responsibility, economic impact, and workforce development. For more information, visit <http://www.georgiamaw.org/>.

Late last year, the Logistics Institute at Georgia Tech changed its name to the **Supply Chain & Logistics Institute** to reflect its focus on global supply chains, as well as on material handling and logistics. Part of the School of Industrial and Systems Engineering, the institute is involved with research, professional education, and outreach. Efforts include the Leaders in Logistics industry-outreach program, the Supply Chain Executive Forum, and an extensive calendar of seminars and courses. For more information, call 404/894-2343.

Tracy Cole has been promoted to a new position within the Enterprise Innovation Institute as the client development manager for the Southeastern Trade Adjustment Assistance Center, a federally sponsored effort that helps import-impacted manufacturing firms in Georgia and seven other Southeastern states.



The Enterprise Innovation Institute's **Greg Laudeman** has been nominated to serve on the board of the Rural Telecommunications Congress, an opportunity to showcase information infrastructure development in Georgia. He's interested in research on exactly how and why broadband contributes to productivity and competitiveness, particularly in rural communities, and how communities can work together to increase these benefits. For more information, visit www.ruraltelecon.org, or contact Greg Laudeman at 706/271-5521 or greg.laudeman@innovate.gatech.edu.

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