

DTAE Licenses Certification Programs to Wyoming

In the first interstate training partnership of its kind for Georgia, the Department of Technical and Adult Education has licensed three of its training certification programs to the Wyoming Business Council (WBC) and the Wyoming Community College Commission (WCCC).

“We are excited about the partnership. It will allow Wyoming to become a world class leader in workforce development,” says Wyoming Business Council Chief Support Services officer, Peter Reis.

“We welcome the opportunity to work with Wyoming,” says Dr. Ken Breeden, commissioner of DTAE. “Licensing the programs helps ensure quality control. When we were first approached concerning sharing these programs, we realized that, in a way, it would be irresponsible not to do so. These workforce development certification programs have been critical for Georgia; they can add significant value in other states, too.”

DTAE licensed the following:

- Certified Customer Service Specialist – providing a skilled workforce for service industries by training in cus-



Left: Quick Start welcomed Wyoming representatives to its offices in Atlanta. Right: Peter Reis, Wyoming Business Council Chief Support Services officer

tom contact skills, personal effectiveness, business and computer skills, and the service industry environment.

- Certified Manufacturing Specialist – providing manufacturing companies with qualified employees by focusing on skills necessary in the industry, from manufacturing and business principles to automated manufacturing skills.
- Certified Warehousing and Distribution Specialist – providing current and new employees with core skills in warehousing and technology, in addition to warehousing and distribution processes.

Georgia’s Gov. Roy Barnes says, “This agreement will help spread the

word about Georgia’s excellent workforce training programs. Not only do they provide qualified and available workers for businesses, the programs help create better job opportunities for those certified. These kinds of partnerships will help support the future of our nation’s economy.”

Officials in Wyoming also have expressed their enthusiasm for the partnership. Wyoming’s Gov. Jim Geringer says, “A qualified workforce is critical to economic development. These programs will provide proven, effective training for the citizens of Wyoming.” **OS**

Plastics K 2001 Rated a Success for Georgia

The global marketplace for plastics was clearly centered in Dusseldorf, Germany, for eight days this past fall. K 2001, the uncontested number-one event for the plastics industry, was conducted from Oct. 25 through Nov. 1. The show featured pioneering technological developments, process and production innovations, and design methods and trends that will set the course for this growing industry. Company presidents and CEOs, research and development professionals, trade and marketing specialists, and other decision-makers

attended this international trade show. Nearly 3,000 exhibitors came from 53 countries and the 230,000 trade visitors were from more than 100 countries. K 2001 was truly an international event. And Georgia was there.

In partnership with the Georgia Department of Industry, Trade & Tourism, Georgia’s technical colleges and Quick Start showcased opportunities for growth and expansion in Georgia and promoted Georgia products overseas. With an exhibit-booth theme of **Georgia USA**, the goal was to enhance

the state’s image within the industry and attract plastics companies to Georgia. “Important contacts were made with companies from all over the world with interest in expanding into U.S. markets and in Georgia locations,” according to Bill Thielemann, Quick Start director of plastics training and exhibit-booth coordinator. Follow-up action is now underway to develop those contacts. Expanding markets for Georgia companies and international awareness of opportunities within the state could well make Georgia the big winner at K 2001. **OS**