

Quick Start Project Announcements

... Serving communities throughout Georgia

Albany: Woodgrain Millwork is receiving Quick Start training in new technology for some of its 195 employees.

Alpharetta: APAC, which provides asphalt and concrete paving services and materials, is opening a shared services center, creating 136 new jobs.

Athens: Dairy Pak, a producer of dairy and juice packaging containers, plans to expand production and hire an additional 25 people.

Augusta: Murray Biscuit Co. is receiving Quick Start training for some of its 3,000 employees.

Columbus: McCauley Propellers, makers of aircraft propellers, is opening a facility here and will hire 75 people.

Dublin: Fred's is building a new distribution center for its chain of discount general merchandise stores, creating 275 new jobs.

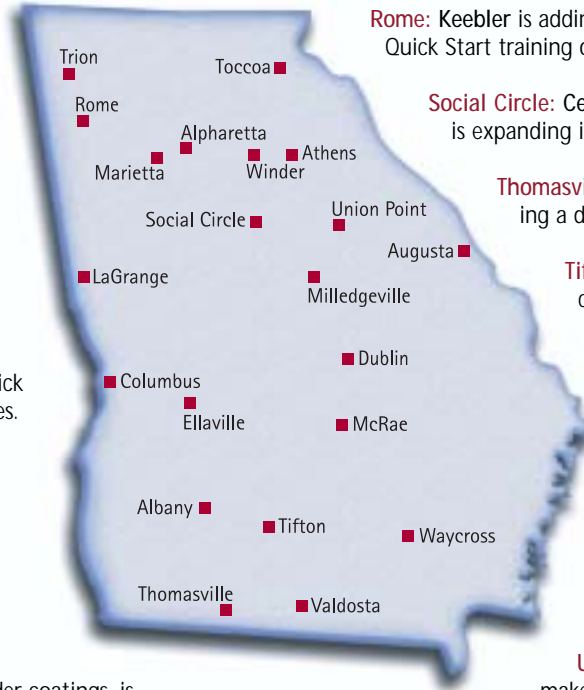
Ellaville: TCI Inc., which makes thermo powder coatings, is receiving Quick Start training for new technology recently implemented.

LaGrange: Wal-Mart's distribution center, with a workforce of 500, is receiving Quick Start training on a new inventory/picking system.

Marietta: RDM Technologies, manufacturer of beverage-blending equipment, is locating a plant here and will hire 80 people.

McRae: Crossroads Homes, which produces assembly pre-manufactured single-family houses, is opening a business here and will create 85 new jobs.

Milledgeville: Mohawk Industries is expanding its carpet and industrial yarn facility to include 75 new jobs.



Rome: Keebler is adding 50 new employees and will receive Quick Start training on new production equipment.

Social Circle: CertainTeed Corp., maker of vinyl siding, is expanding its business to include 80 new jobs.

Thomasville: American Signature Furniture is opening a distribution center, creating 225 new jobs.

Tifton: Orgill Inc. is expanding its distribution center for hardware goods, creating 25 new jobs.

Toccoa: Meadowbrook Machine and Tool, maker of machine components, is expanding its business and will hire an additional 25 people.

Trion: Gill Manufacturing, an automotive supplier, is hiring an additional 28 people and will receive Quick Start training on new production equipment.

Union Point: Union Point Hosiery, which makes athletic socks, is locating here and will employ 120 people.

Valdosta: Regal Luxury Performance boat manufacturer is locating a new business here, creating 250 new jobs.

Waycross: SeaPak, which makes food-service and related food products, is opening a new facility and will employ 80 people.

Winder: Chico's FAS is opening a distribution center for retail stores, creating 160 new jobs.

The art of manufacturing

To teach students about the role of manufacturing in Georgia's economy, a statewide art contest is held each year in conjunction with Manufacturing Appreciation Week. First-place prizes of \$500 are awarded in three categories: T-shirt design (high school), poster design (middle school) and placemat design (elementary school). Shown at right is the winning T-shirt design, by Michael Amosu from McIntosh High School in Peachtree City.

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