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*Communities succeed when local businesses succeed ...*

As I travel the state attending events related to Quick Start projects, I am continually amazed at the vast potential Georgia offers in economic development opportunities.

In Albany, CallTech has opened a facility featuring the latest in call center technology. In Winder, Johns Manville is undergoing a massive expansion. In Rome, Pirelli Tire is locating its North American headquarters at a new, \$140 million facility. And in McDonough, ALPLA represents yet another international company that has recognized the value of bringing investment to Georgia, building a technical center to house its R&D activities for the entire United States.

In all these parts of the state that benefit from this economic activity, Quick Start has been instrumental in helping develop a technically trained, highly skilled workforce. We believe that communities succeed when local businesses succeed, and Quick Start helps ensure that success through its training programs.

Attending the various groundbreakings, grand openings and training plan signings all around Georgia allows me to view firsthand the fruits of Quick Start's workforce training initiatives. I've seen the enthusiasm that exists in our communities and the effectiveness with which our Quick Start staff works with local business leaders. They exhibit a standard of excellence that's tops in the nation.

The economic development initiatives taking place in Georgia are truly impressive. I'm proud that Quick Start is such a key part of them.

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Suzuki is one of the many new companies attracted to Georgia by its economic development opportunities. Attending the recent grand opening in Rome were Suzuki President Masaru Asahina (left) and GDITT Commissioner R.K. Sehgal.



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