



Reflek Lights Up Lithia Springs

When Mass.-based lighting reflector maker Reflek Manufacturing Inc. started scouting a new plant location, they knew they would need specialized technical training to light up their sales. Georgia Quick Start offered the perfect solution: free customized training to 38 new employees.

“It sounded too good to be true,” said Reflek President Rob Dorsky about the Quick Start training program. “Quick Start perfectly compliments our expansion strategy. Their program provides us with a big business training program without the associated costs.”

With Quick Start’s help, Reflek hopes to shrink their production turnaround time from weeks to days using a highly automated system. West Central Technical College will offer ongoing training. “We

are very dedicated to business and industry. It’s our only purpose,” said West Central Tech President Janet Ayers.

“We want to be supportive and help you achieve your goals,” Quick Start Director of Northern Operations Jeff Lynn told Dorsky at the Quick Start training plan signing.

“Supportive is an understatement,” laughed Dorsky.



Reflek President Rob Dorsky holds one of the lighting reflectors that will be manufactured at Reflek’s new Lithia Springs facility.



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Manufacturing, Inc.



From left: Dr. C. B. Rathburn, Savannah Tech president; Dr. Reg Hendricks, Savannah Tech executive VP; Jackie Rohosky, DTAE assistant commissioner of economic development programs; award recipient Richard Chumley, Savannah Tech Welding and Joining Technology Department head; and Joe Franklin, Savannah Tech dean of instruction, occupation and technology.

Quick Start Awards JCB Team Members



DTAE Assistant Commissioner of Economic Development Programs Jackie

Rohosky recently presented awards in appreciation of two individuals’ key roles in Quick Start’s recent welding training classes held at Savannah Technical College for construction and agricultural equipment company JCB Inc. Mike Cook was recognized for his valuable assistance as a JCB team leader. Cook provided support throughout Quick Start’s 16 hours of customized welding training and is instrumental in on-the-job training for JCB employees. Savannah Tech Welding and Joining Technology Department Head Richard Chumley also received an award for efficiently coordinating the training facilities, equipment and class schedule.



During a plant tour, Thomson Plastics President Jerry Harrison explained the production procedure of a vent cap, one of many products manufactured at the company’s McDuffie County facility.

Thomson Plastics Molds Success in McDuffie

Thomson Plastics Inc. recently strengthened its almost decade-long partnership with Quick Start and Augusta Technical College by signing on for training of 46 new employees at the company’s expanded McDuffie County plant.

Since the company’s relocation to Thomson nine years ago, Quick Start and Augusta Tech have contributed crucial support to the custom injection molding supplier. The three-way partnership’s success comes as no surprise to Thomson Plastics President Jerry Harrison.

“Relationships are important to us,” says Harrison, who praises Quick Start and Augusta Tech for taking the company from a 20-person team operating nine machines to a 225-employee team operating 31 presses. “It’s been a great relationship. We tell a lot of people our success is directly proportional to the help we received.”