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Among the principles guiding our work at Quick Start is a dedication to supporting existing industry in Georgia, thereby protecting jobs, and helping new industry locate in Georgia, creating new jobs. In this issue, we profile two projects that are good examples of these principles.

First is Perkins Shibaura, a British company that is opening a new facility in Griffin. Quick Start teamed up with that company at the beginning, offering pre-employment assistance and skills training for their first set of new employees. Quick Start has been able to play a crucial role in helping this company choose Georgia, and get its operation up and running.

The second company is Goody, a longtime manufacturer in Manchester, Ga. This existing company needed help to remain competitive, and Quick Start was able to help them adapt employees to new technology and processes, and protect the jobs of hundreds of Georgians. It's being able to help companies like Perkins Shibaura and Goody that makes our job so fulfilling.

On another note, it is not an exaggeration to say that Quick Start's ability to play these roles has been in large part due to the support and leadership of Dr. Kenneth Breeden, the commissioner of the Georgia Department of Technical and Adult Education. Dr. Breeden is retiring at the end of June, and we want to use this opportunity to thank him for what he has contributed to economic development in Georgia and to Quick Start.

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Gov. Sonny Perdue and DTAE Commissioner Dr. Kenneth Breeden at the recent 10th anniversary Manufacturing Appreciation Week celebration (see page 10). Dr. Breeden is retiring June 30th from his position as the first commissioner of the DTAE.



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