



# Quick Start Moves to New Location – ‘Busbee Center’ Now the Heart of Georgia’s Economic Development Community

On November 8th, Governor Sonny Perdue announced the creation of The Busbee Center for Global Economic Development & Innovation. Located at the corner of Fifth and Spring Street in Midtown Atlanta, the Centergy One building now is home to many of the state’s key economic development players, including Georgia Quick Start, DEcD, GEDA, GEMC, Georgia Power Company, the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia and the U.S. Department of Commerce Export Trade Assistance.

“Governor Busbee pioneered economic development in Georgia on a global scale,” said Gov. Perdue at the dedication. “His active, personal recruitment of international business gave the state of Georgia the global visibility we enjoy today. This center will carry on that legacy and help create new opportunities throughout our state.”

Dr. G. Wayne Clough, president of Georgia Tech, praised The Busbee Center’s focus on building a global business network. “By marrying academic research and development with the government and private agencies that can help them grow, Georgia will be able to lead the world in the knowledge industries that will breed success,” Clough said.

At the dedication ceremony, Gov. Perdue unveiled a sculpture crafted in honor of former Gov. Busbee. The monument was designed by Doug Foltz of Speakeasy Inc. from Elberton Blue granite and was sculpted by Andrew Crawford of Crawford Ironworks.



From left, DEcD Commissioner Craig Lesser, Mary Busbee, Gov. Perdue and Georgia Tech President Dr. G. Wayne Clough with the memorial statue honoring former Governor George Busbee at the dedication of The Busbee Center for Global Economic Development & Innovation in Atlanta.



Visitors during the open house received guided tours of Quick Start’s new offices. Bottom left, from left: DTAE State Board member Debra Lyons, Thomaston-Upson County Chamber of Commerce President Betsy Hueber, DTAE Assistant Commissioner of Economic Development Programs Jackie Rohosky, and Quick Start’s Manager of Creative Services Gary Wilson listen as Sun Clinton, Quick Start’s senior multimedia-based training developer, describes the process for creating customized computer-based training. Top, from left: Bill Thielemann, Quick Start’s director of plastics training, explains Quick Start’s display to DEcD Project Manager Mark Lytle, the Governor’s Small Business Center Director Gilda Watters, LG Chem President Hee Yil Ro, Jackie Rohosky and former GDITT Commissioner Glenn Cornell. Bottom right, from left: Bill Thielemann talks with DTAE State Board member Steve Reick.



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