



Attending CARBO's recent groundbreaking were, from left, CARBO Toombsboro Plant Manager Tim Stafford, DEEd Commissioner Craig Lesser, CARBO President and CEO Dr. C. Mark Pearson, State Senator Robert Brown, CARBO Chairman William Morris, State Representative Kenneth Birdsong, Wilkinson County Board of Commissioners Chairman Dennis Holder and Wilkinson County Development Authority Chairman Frank Wall.

CARBO Ceramics Brings Proppants to Toombsboro

Recently, CARBO Ceramics, the world's leading producer and supplier of ceramic proppants, broke ground on a new \$62 million manufacturing facility in Toombsboro, Ga. The 40-acre new facility will feature CARBO's highly automated manufacturing system, run by workers trained by Quick Start.

"Quick Start is going to really help in terms of providing pre-employment training," commented CARBO Senior Human Resources Representative Chris Hooper at the recent training plan signing in Wilkinson County. The Quick Start training will include 15 classes designed to provide an overview of the company and its manufacturing processes for new hires, as well as provide them with safety awareness.

After Quick Start completes its training, Central Georgia Technical College will become a partner with CARBO by offering long-term training.

At the company's October groundbreaking, CARBO President and CEO Dr. C. Mark Pearson recognized the value of the three-way partnership the company has formed with Quick Start and Central Georgia Tech. "We remain very pleased with the assistance we have received from the state of Georgia," said Dr. Pearson. "The supportive environment for manufacturing in Georgia, combined with CARBO's existing outstanding workforce will be catalysts for our continued growth in the region."

The Toombsboro facility is the company's second plant in Georgia, and is expected to open in December of 2005.

prop•pant (prŏp'pănts) *n.* Sized particles mixed with fluid to "prop" open oil or gas wells. In addition to naturally occurring sand grains, man-made or specially engineered proppants, such as high-strength ceramic materials, may also be used. Proppant materials are carefully sorted for size and sphericity to provide an efficient conduit for production of fluid.

Source: Schlumberger Oilfield Glossary

Ice House Keeping Cool in Colquitt County

Portable ice vending machine manufacturer Ice House America is moving into an 110,000-sq.-ft. Moultrie facility in Colquitt County with help from Quick Start. The Fla.-based company will add 200 jobs within a four-year span, with a total direct community impact of more than \$16 million.

Quick Start is currently providing job aids detailing work instructions and safety procedures in Ice House's main production areas, in addition to providing welding training and core skills training. The Georgia Tech EDI provided assistance for the company's initial production layout in 2003.

Just one of the company's vending machines, called Ice Houses, can produce over 500 16-pound bags of ice per day, delivering chipped ice to consumers within eight seconds. An Ice House vending machine can be installed on any site with access to water and electricity.



Attending Ice House's training plan signing were, from left, Moultrie Tech President Dr. Tina Anderson, Moultrie Tech VP of Economic Development Carol Matthews, Ice House Production Manager Ron Penuel, Quick Start Training Coordinator Kay Pounds and Quick Start Executive Director of Economic Development Programs Marla Lowe.