Welcome to the November issue of IMPACT, our monthly update on Georgia Tech’s economic development activities and programs.

In this issue you will get to meet John Avery, who has been selected as the next director of the Advanced Technology Development Center (ATDC), our statewide incubator, and learn why ATDC and our Engage programs were both honored with Groundbreaker Awards from Atlanta Magazine. Our Safety, Health, and Environmental Services (SHES) group worked with a Hogansville, Georgia auto parts supplier to obtain a nationally recognized safety certification, while our Georgia Manufacturing Extension Partnership continues to work with the industry and help individual companies be more competitive.

Please enjoy and I look forward to connecting via this newsletter.

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Economic Development Updates

ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CENTER (ATDC)

- **Georgia Tech Taps John Avery to Lead ATDC**: The Georgia Institute of Technology has named John Avery as its next director of the Advanced Technology Development Center (ATDC). Avery, a serial entrepreneur who was involved in four startups, began Nov. 6. Most recently, he was the engineering group manager of Panasonic Automotive Systems’ Panasonic Innovation Center at the Georgia Tech
Georgia Tech-Navicent Health Collaboration: Navicent Health’s Center for Disruption & Innovation (CfDI) announced a new collaboration with Georgia Tech’s Advanced Technology Development Center (ATDC) and its Health Technology (HealthTech) Program. The effort will improve the health and lives of patients in central and south Georgia through the development of new technologies, treatments, and care created by healthcare technology-oriented companies based in the state. Full Story

GEORGIA MANUFACTURING EXTENSION PARTNERSHIP (GaMEP)

GTRI’s Electronic Systems Laboratory Plugs into Success with GaMEP: ELSYS sought help in creating a quality management system that provided compliance to ISO 9001 requirements, in addition to a process for managing and executing lab
GaMEP's Craig Cochran, a project manager and a nationally renowned expert in quality assurance and management, helped the ELSYS team become ISO 9001 certified. FULL STORY

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**ENGAGE and ATDC**

- **Engage and ATDC Receive Groundbreaker Awards:** Atlanta Magazine honored two of the Enterprise Innovation Institute's programs — Engage Ventures and the Advanced Technology Development Center (ATDC) — with Groundbreaker Awards for their respective work in helping drive technology and innovation. FULL STORY

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**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LAB**
• **EI² Hosts Bahamas Delegation Visit:** The Enterprise Innovation Institute’s Economic Development Lab hosted a delegation of officials from the Bahamas who were visiting Georgia Tech to learn about the Institute’s economic development programming model and components of a successful innovation ecosystem. [FULL STORY]

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**SAFETY, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

• **Hogansville Auto Parts Supplier Obtains National Safety Recognition:** Our Safety, Health, and Environmental Services (SHES) program worked with Dongwon — an auto parts supplier to Kia — to help the company’s management and staff better manage safety and health conditions and reduce expenses by improving those standards. The work earned Dongwon Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP) status. [FULL STORY]

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EI² Programs In The News

- **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LAB (EDL):** Atlanta Braves Owner Says County Wins Big from Development Near New Stadium — The Wall Street Journal (Subscription required)

- **ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CENTER (ATDC):** Navicent Health Announces Collaboration with Georgia Institute of Technology — The Union-Recorder

- **ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CENTER (ATDC):** Techstars Atlanta Effort to Spur Growth — The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

- **SAFETY, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES (SHES):** U.S. Department of Labor Joins Partnership to Promote Workplace Safety During Construction of Georgia STEM School — AllOnGeorgia.com

- **ENTERPRISE INNOVATION INSTITUTE (EI2):** Success of other U.S. innovation districts inspires, guides KC effort — Kansas City Business Journal