

## **Unboxing Opportunities**

*Georgia Quick Start Partners with U.S. Corrugated and Georgia Piedmont Technical College*

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On January 11, representatives from Georgia Quick Start, Georgia Piedmont Technical College, and Newton County gathered to celebrate the grand opening of U.S. Corrugated's latest facility in Covington, Ga. As a national manufacturer of corrugated packaging materials, the event included a ribbon-cutting ceremony, training plan signing and guided tour of U.S. Corrugated's expansive new location.

Chairman and CEO Dennis Mehiel reflected on the state selection process when building was just a mere idea: "We could not be more pleased with the response we received from your city, county and state officials," said Mehiel, praising the state of Georgia and how Georgia Quick Start "stepped up without hesitation."

Together, Quick Start and Georgia Piedmont Technical College combined to support U.S. Corrugated's need for experienced employees. Quick Start's contributions included job-specific training for the high-speed corrugating and converting equipment, as well as providing safety instructions, leadership workshops and improved productivity exercises. Georgia Piedmont Technical College then served as the company's partner for extended training outside of Quick Start's involvement, establishing a continuous pipeline of qualified workers for their use.

"With Georgia Quick Start, we aim to provide the best workforce training in the state," said Dr. Jabari Simama, president of Georgia Piedmont Technical College. "We are proud to be a part of this partnership."

Overall, the training agreement brought 75 new jobs to the area, with talks of expansion already underway. "The opportunities that come with U.S. Corrugated's arrival, with the exceptional support from Quick Start and Piedmont Technical College," said Mayor Ronnie Johnston of the city of Covington, "speak of a bright future for our residents. We officially welcome such opportunities to Newton County."