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NATIONAL COMPOSITE CENTER AND DAYTON DEVELOPMENT COALITION ARE KEY PLAYERS IN PLAN TO BOOST BUSINESS AND EMPLOYMENT IN OHIO

Lee Fisher, Ohio's Lt Governor and Director of the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) said he is teaming with leaders of private companies and nonprofit organizations to attract business to Ohio. In a meeting March 16 at Dayton's Crowne Plaza, he outlined strategies that will support the state's position as an investor/partner in high tech arenas while boosting employment opportunities.

The Dayton Development Coalition (DDC) and the Dayton Region were recognized for the significant steps they've taken to channel resources toward the ongoing development of four targeted growth areas – Aerospace Research and Development, Information Technology, Advanced Materials and Manufacturing, and Human Sciences and Healthcare.

The National Composite Center (NCC), which has already helped to attract both

national and international companies to the area, is a critical component in the economic development infrastructure being built to nurture Advanced Materials and Manufacturing.

"Not only is NCC an integral partner in our efforts to recruit business in the advanced material and manufacturing arena to the Dayton Region, but NCC is also a key partner in our economic development strategy as a whole," said JP Nauseef, President and CEO of the Dayton Development Coalition.

NCC is the only nonprofit in the United States to offer a total economic development solution for advanced materials applications. NCC expanded that capability last year with the establishment of its Dayton Campus for Advanced Materials Technologies (DC-AMT).

One high tech tenant, California-based DR Technologies Companies, is

expected to take residence this Spring at DC-AMT with Vector Composites Inc. "NCC's rapid fiber preform technologies are complimentary to our resin infusion processes and fit certain requirements we have," said Lyle Dunbar, Chief Executive Officer for the DR Technologies Companies.

"Our acquisition of Vector allows us to tap NCC's capabilities. The collaborative effort to establish NCC's new Advanced Materials Technologies campus showed us that Dayton offers the unique infrastructure, resources and environment required to ensure the success of an emerging composite electronic enclosures production business."

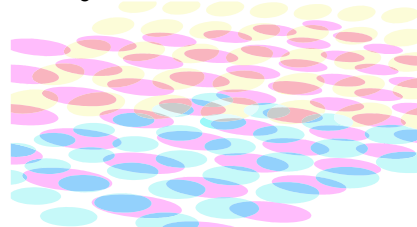
The Dayton package, led by DDC, is a model that Lt. Governor Fisher hopes to duplicate in regions across the state as Ohio gears up to compete for businesses considering new locations.

NCC HOLDS NANO-COMPOSITE BOOTCAMP – REGISTER NOW

NCC is holding a Nano-Composite Bootcamp that will help participants learn how to apply nanomaterials to products, introduce the technology to customers, understand the latest emerging nano-composite materials and technologies and how to use nano-composites to boost profitability.

Guest speaker is Dr. Phillip Wilson, President of Inspired Innovations, LLC

and former Chief Technologist for Magna International. Dr. Wilson is an award winning inventor and has both issued and



pending patents in the nano-composites field.

The event will be held April 12, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the NCC. The cost is \$300 per person. NCC member companies can attend for a discounted fee of \$250. Register by April 6 by emailing [Crystal Yexley at \[cyexley@compositecenter.org\]\(mailto:Crystal.Yexley@compositecenter.org\)](mailto:Crystal.Yexley@compositecenter.org) or call 937-297-9443.

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NCC PARTICIPATES IN OHIO NANOTECHNOLOGY SUMMIT

NCC will participate in the Ohio Nanotechnology Summit April 24-25 in Akron, Ohio at the John S. Knight Convention Center. The event will draw national and local leaders in the field.

The Summit is Ohio's largest nanotechnology event and is being held by the Center for Multifunctional Polymer Nanomaterials and Devices (CMPND). Under CMPND, the

University of Dayton Research Institute (UDRI) is responsible for three nanocomposite programs which are housed at NCC. NCC supports CMPND projects with its process engineering and manufacturing expertise and its technologies including Quickstep, Vacuum Infusion, Resin Transfer Molding (RTM), SRIM and Long Fiber Reinforced Thermoplastics (LFT). NCC material will be featured at the UDRI booth. The NCC

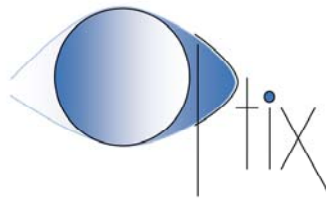
technical team will have the opportunity to network with collaborators, review recent nanotechnology research, identify potential areas of opportunity and increase awareness of the Center's growing nanotechnology expertise.

To find NCC technical experts at the Summit email jravine@compositecenter.org

NCC KICKS OFF OPTIX 2007 IN MAY

NCC will kick off Optix 2007 – Opportunities, Technologies & Ideas Exchange on May 7-8. Formerly called Member Day, NCC's annual event will be held in the Center's First Financial Knowledge Center.

The two-day program will provide updated details on Ohio's plans to help accelerate business growth by offering companies key advantages. Participants will also learn why companies and organizations are choosing NCC for collaboration and manufacturing expertise.



Keynote speaker Christine Howard will talk about the Entrepreneurial Signature Program – a \$23 million grant pool available to companies wanting to do business in the Dayton region. Market leading NCC member companies such as

Boeing, Honeywell and Ashland will participate in a panel discussion about the future of advanced materials. A New Ideas Session will look at cutting edge technology and process innovations being developed by NCC and member companies.

Member companies are also invited to exhibit their innovations in NCC's Partnership Room. Registration must be completed by April 9. For more information about the event or to register contact Crystal Yexley at cryxley@compositecenter.org

NCC'S FIRST FINANCIAL KNOWLEDGE CENTER

In addition to revamping its Member Program, NCC has remodeled its conference center to better promote professional growth and excellence. These renovations were made possible

by NCC sponsor First Financial Bank (FFB). First Financial and NCC share a joint vision for growth within the Dayton Region making partnership a natural outcome of a common goal.

Under its new name, First Financial Knowledge Center, the facility offers a 255-seat auditorium, two large

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classrooms with seating capacity for 30 to 60 people as well as four conference rooms suited to small groups eight to 15 people.

In addition, the Center's atrium offers a dynamic setting for breakfast, lunch or dinner events, trade shows, displays, business receptions and social gatherings.

Catering is available through the University of Dayton Dining Services. Orders can be placed by contacting their Event Coordinating Department.



To view the menu visit <http://dining.udayton.edu/catering.aspx> or call the Catering Office at 937-229-2216, the Event Coordinator at 937-229-2266.

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