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# **Georgia Industry Association lobbies on behalf of GA manufacturers.**

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On Feb 9, the Networking MFG group held its monthly forum and networking session in Lawrenceville. The Georgia Industry Association (GIA) delivered a presentation to the group on how they assist manufacturing related industries in GA to remain competitive with other states by representing GA manufacturers at the state and federal governments.

The event was held at MLC CAD Systems, a premier US supplier of Solidworks 3d CAD software, rapid prototyping equipment, and software training services. Solidworks is recognized and used around the globe by manufacturers, designers, and engineers as a means to help them design products quicker and to develop and test them more efficiently. MLC CAD Systems <http://www.mlc-cad.com> (800) 364-1652

This month's featured speaker was Lee Lemke, Executive Vice President of the GIA. Lemke explained that the GIA was started in 1993 by a group of manufacturers who needed to voice their concerns and opinions to government legislators to help the manufacturing industry to prosper and grow. Lemke said that there are approximately 9000 manufacturing companies in GA and that they provide a significant portion of the state's jobs and are a major contributor to the state's economy. "For every dollar spent in manufacturing in GA, there is a \$1.37 trickle-down effect in the economy", said Lemke.

"The goal of the GIA is to help Georgia remain competitive in the manufacturing industry", said Lemke. Lemke cited a bill that recently passed through state legislation that now gives manufacturers sales tax-free status for the purchase of goods that are integral to manufacturing such as safety apparel and machinery. "Because of this new law, manufacturers will save 7% on the cost of goods that they need to have for their business. Lemke said that they are lobbying for the passage of a bill that would give manufacturers sales tax exempt status on energy costs. Lemke explained that this bill is similar to what many other neighboring states have adopted and that has brought manufacturers from across the country to open new manufacturing plants to their state. The GIA offers memberships to manufacturing related businesses that provides education on current issues, webinar seminars, and networking

opportunities. Visit <http://www.georgiaindustry.org/> or call (770) 431-0504 to for more information on how to get involved.

Networking MFG was founded by Jason Moss, a local sales executive, to promote interaction between Gwinnett based manufacturers, engineers, and related service providers. Networking MFG is unique from other networking groups in that it targets manufacturing related businesses exclusively. The group meets on the third Tuesday of each month and includes a presentation by guest speakers and a forum for attendees to introduce themselves. Event sponsorship opportunities allow guests to make a brief sales-based presentation and include website and news column exposure.

The group meets the second Tuesday of every month from 4-6 pm. The next meeting is slated for March 9<sup>th</sup> at the MLC CAD Systems location in Lawrenceville GA. Please visit <http://www.NetworkingMFG.com> to register for future events, view notes from previous meetings, find other members and learn more about sponsorship opportunities.

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