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Athens Technical College Named Job Profiling Team of the Year

Governor Sonny Perdue and the Governor's Office of Workforce Development recently announced the inaugural Work Ready Awards, which recognized and honored the partners, businesses and individuals who have supported Work Ready and made it a success. Athens Technical College's economic development team of Jerry Barrow, Tony Thompson, and Tommy Lyon has been recognized as the Job Profiling Team of the Year. They have developed a team approach that creates strong job profiles that companies can use to find the best quality employees. The team has completed 16 job profiles for eight companies and the pace continues to grow.

The team of job profilers at Athens Technical College believes two heads are better than one when it comes to working with business and industry. "The team approach allows one profiler to interact with the software while another profiler facilitates a discussion," said Jerry Barrow, Vice President for Economic Development Services at Athens Technical College. "Each of us brings a different perspective, so the synergy of our knowledge produces a better report." The Certified Work Ready Community designation demonstrates counties have the talented workforce that businesses demand and the educational infrastructure to drive economic growth and prosperity.

Mr. Barrow oversees both business and industry services and community education services. Mr. Thompson, who came to Athens Technical College from Georgia's Quick Start program, is the director of business and industry services overseeing corporate and contract training in addition to his role as a job profiler and the Work Ready assessment administrator. Mr. Lyon has an industry background and is a licensed profiler and manager of corporate customer relations for the college.

Among those in attendance were President Flora W. Tydings, Athens-Clarke County Chamber President Doc Eldridge, and Madison County Chamber President Marvin White.

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