

# Alabama Technology Network - ATN

The Alabama Technology Network helps manufacturers in Alabama improve their global competitiveness through technical assistance, workforce training and technology transfer. It serves as a primary source for serving the needs of Alabama industry using a cooperative network of business, education, and government. Through its network of centers of technical excellence, ATN provides innovative and cost effective solutions that enable Alabama's existing industry to be globally competitive.

The Alabama Technology Network, as part of the Alabama Community College System, is comprised of regional centers that link the University of Alabama System, Auburn University, and the Economic Development Partnership of Alabama with twelve community colleges throughout the state to solve the needs of industry. The network has expertise in the areas of telecommunications, computer and network training, strategic management, environmental health and safety, and industrial marketing.

ATN links Alabama manufacturers with technological resources from its network of higher education, businesses, and government to deliver the assistance industry needs to be more efficient, more productive, and more competitive. For example, ATN experts might conduct detailed needs assessments, outline potential solutions based on the results, and then provide technical assistance to help solve problems or identify sources that can.

The network is Alabama's affiliate of the National Institute of Standards and Technology's Manufacturing Extension Partnership, which provides hands-on assistance and training to smaller

## ATN Center Locations



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manufacturers.

ATN achieved ISO 9001 quality management certification. According to the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), the ISO 9001 Quality Management System is an international standard that provides standardized requirements for organizations to follow when establishing a quality management system.

ATN is a certified 360vu provider of strategic and tactical assistance to manufacturers and serves as the NASA Southeast Regional Technology Transfer Center affiliate for Alabama.

### **Services provided by ATN:**

- Lean Manufacturing
- Manufacturing Systems
- Quality Systems
- Information Technology
- Human Resources and Organizational Development
- Environmental Safety and Health
- Business Services/Strategic Management
- Industrial Maintenance
- Engineering and Technical Services



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