



Dr. Alvetta Thomas, President, Southern Crescent Technical College; Frank Windsor, Chief Operating Officer, Rinnai America Corporation; and Jackie Rohosky, Deputy Commissioner, Georgia Quick Start, Technical College System of Georgia are pictured at the Training Plan Signing Ceremony along with Rinnai employees.

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Rinnai is partnering with Georgia Quick Start, Southern Crescent Technical College

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Rinnai hosted a Training Plan Signing Ceremony on Friday at the company's new manufacturing location, 700 Hudson Road.

The company is a subsidiary of Rinnai Corporation in Nagoya, Japan,

and is headquartered in Peachtree City.

Rinnai manufactures gas appliances, a wide range of kitchen appliances, heating and air conditioning units and is the number-one selling brand of tankless gas water heaters in North America.

The ceremony announced the partner-

ship between Rinnai America Corporation, Georgia Quick Start and Southern Crescent Technical College.

Quick Start will deliver training during the expansion, and SCTC will be Rinnai's long-term partner available for ongoing training, providing qualified graduates to

meet future workforce needs.

The Griffin-Spalding County Development Authority and the Georgia Department of Economic Development worked with SCTC and Quick Start to qualify Rinnai for training support as they establish

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their manufacturing operations.

Shelby Bradfield, Director, Western Operations, Georgia Quick Start welcomed everyone to the signing ceremony and introduced special guests. They included Chuck Copeland, Board Member, Griffin-Spalding Development Authority;

Trudy Gill, Board Chair, Griffin-Spalding Chamber of Commerce; Doug Hollberg, Mayor, City of Griffin; David Luckie, Executive Director, Griffin-Spalding Development Authority; Raymond Ray, Spalding County Commission Chair; Kenny Smith, Griffin City Manager; and William Wilson, Spalding County Manager.

Bradfield also recognized

the Rinnai Leadership Team and Rinnai Operations Team.

The training program involves the three distinct partners: Southern Crescent Technical College, Georgia Quick Start and Rinnai America Corporation. Each partner will be responsible for the successful completion of the program.

Dr. Alvetta Thomas, President, Southern Crescent Technical College spoke at the event.

"Rinnai is a very important part of our local business community and we are thrilled that they have decided to expand their presence into Spalding County," said Thomas. "Georgia Quick Start has provided customized workforce solutions for many decades and their expertise will be a huge asset for Rinnai," Thomas said.

"We are very excited about this partnership. Southern Cres-

cent Technical College is proud to provide the training solutions needed as Rinnai trains their local workforce."

Georgia Quick Start is the No. 1-ranked workforce training program in the U.S. It is an economic development program that provides customized workforce training at no cost to qualified new, expanding and existing businesses in Georgia.

Rinnai will initially assemble the tankless water heaters in a temporary facility while they construct their new manufacturing facility in The Lakes at Green Valley in Griffin, with a scheduled completion date of 2020.

The Quick Start project focuses on training for the new assembly processes that will be implemented at the upcoming facility.

Quick Start's team has col-

laborated with Rinnai's leadership team to define, develop and deliver a custom workforce training solution for Rinnai's newest associates.

Deputy Commissioner for Georgia Quick Start, Technical College System of Georgia, Jackie Rohosky, attended the signing ceremony.

"Rinnai's innovative technology will become more and more popular in coming years," said Rohosky. "We're committed to supporting Rinnai's workforce to help the company achieve its start-up goals."

The closing remarks were given by Frank Windsor, chief operating officer, Rinnai America Corporation.

"Rinnai's vision is to enhance lives by changing the way water is heated," said Windsor.

"We have built our brand by providing the highest qual-

ity products to the market. We firmly believe that quality is our destiny," said Windsor.

"As we expand our manufacturing capabilities, it is critical that we recruit top-tier talent and train all our team members to have that same focus on quality," Windsor said.

"Our partnership with Georgia Quick Start and Southern Crescent Technical College will help us to quickly train new employees and ensure that our quality standards are never compromised."

After Windsor's remarks, the signing ceremony took place with the three partners participating. The event ended with the partners and Training Plan Signing Ceremony attendees going on facility tour.

For more information about Rinnai, visit rinnai.us.