



## Cardinal Tech Opens Training Facility

(GWINNETT- METRO ATLANTA) April 12, 2016 – The Electronics Workforce Alliance joined [Gwinnett Chamber Economic Development](#) to announce the grand opening of a training facility in Gwinnett County, Metro Atlanta, Georgia.

Cardinal Technical Training held a ribbon cutting this morning at its 2040 Steve Reynolds Boulevard facility in Norcross, Ga. The lead agency in EWA, Cardinal Technical works in collaboration with Goodwill of North Georgia, Atlanta CareerRise, local employer partners and the Atlanta Regional Workforce Board to create career pathways for the local community. The partnerships work together to provide technical skills training and a talent pool for Gwinnett County, positioning the region as an attractive site for electronics manufacturers.

“The EWA is so critical because the northeastern metro Atlanta area, home to nearly half the electronics manufacturing jobs in the state of Georgia, needs job-ready workers in order to continue growing and attracting new positions to the area,” said Cinda Herndon-King, director at Atlanta CareerRise. “We partner with employers to identify the in-demand training, and then we provide it, as well as job readiness and employability skills programs, with the goal of placing graduates in a higher-paying career path with significant growth potential.”

In addition to the growth at its main facility, Cardinal Technical Training will be starting a pilot at Meadowcreek High School in Norcross, Ga. This program aims to help at-risk youth enter directly into electronic manufacturing career paths by giving students supportive services such as technical solder training, soft skills training, resume and interview coaching.

“New training supports the workforce needs of the fast-growing electronics manufacturing industry in Gwinnett,” said Adam Forrand, director of education and talent development for Gwinnett Chamber and Partnership Gwinnett. “It’s another example of our community attracting diverse companies from around the world as a place where they can invest and grow.”

For more information, or to learn how to get involved in local economic development efforts, please visit [www.gwinnetteconomicdevelopment.com](http://www.gwinnetteconomicdevelopment.com).

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### **About Atlanta CareerRise**

Atlanta CareerRise, regional funders collaborative managed by the United Way of Greater Atlanta and supported by investments from the National Fund for Workforce Solutions and eight local funding partners, implements a nationally-recognized model of workforce development in the 13-county Greater Atlanta region. Atlanta CareerRise benefits the community, employers and the underemployed by creating employer-led workforce partnerships to train employees and applicants for middle-skill careers in high-growth industries. For more information, visit [www.atlantacareerrise.org](http://www.atlantacareerrise.org).

### **About I-Tech Group**

For nearly 20 years, the i-TECH Group has provided supportive services to the electronic manufacturing industry. Our hybrid organization has served the electronics industry through high-quality recruiting and placement of qualified candidates through our staffing arm, **i-TECH Staffing Services, Inc.**; providing complete product development from prototyping to SMT printing to cabling/wiring to after-market care through our five-division manufacturing arm, **i-TECH e-Services**; training and developing competent, highly skilled and certified technicians through our training arm, **Cardinal Technical Training**.

### **About Electronic Workforce Alliance**

Electronics Workforce Alliance, a partnership of employers, as well as education and training providers seeking to prepare the unemployed for entry into careers in electronic soldering, assembly and repair, and to advance existing workers to higher levels of industry-certification. The workers manufacture and repair electronic assemblies used in the advanced microelectronics, aerospace, automotive, computer, industrial equipment, medical equipment and devices, and telecommunications industries.

### **About Gwinnett Chamber Economic Development**

Gwinnett Chamber Economic Development globally markets Gwinnett as the premier location in metro Atlanta and the State of Georgia for growing and conducting business. By encouraging investment and trade into the county through relocation and expansion assistance, the organization works with local and regional partners to bring advanced manufacturing, corporate headquarters, health sciences and services, information technology, and supply chain management to the community. Home to FORTUNE 500 and 1000 companies, Gwinnett County hosts a wide range of businesses from industry giants, to international companies and homegrown startups. Success lives here-  
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