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## ATMC aims to help firms boost efficiency

FALL RIVER -- UMass Dartmouth's Advanced Technology and Manufacturing Center has entered into engineering contracts with Quaker Fabric, The Acushnet Co., Concord Foods, American Flexible Conduit and Harodite Industries.

The ATMC will help these companies improve manufacturing processes to increase production efficiencies.

The ATMC's contracts with these companies demonstrate how the industry and university collaborate to improve the manufacturing/technology environment in an organization.

"I speak from experience to say the Advanced Technology & Manufacturing Center is a godsend," said Leonard Hackett, director of imports and exports for Klear-Vu Corp. The center "combines their scientific expertise with a rare ability to explain and advise in layman's terms. The technical support we receive and have received is invaluable and priceless."

Quaker Fabric of Fall River produces upholstery fabrics and is a major resource for specialty textile yarns. The ATMC will help Quaker improve its manufacturing process, increasing yields and lowering costs.

The Acushnet Co. of Fairhaven is a leading maker of golf balls, shoes, gloves and other golfing equipment and accessories. Its Titleist brand of golf balls and FootJoy brand of golf shoes are the No. 1 sellers in the country. The ATMC will explore techniques for painting golf balls more efficiently.

Concord Foods of Brockton is a manufacturer of fine food products for supermarkets throughout North America and Mexico. Concord Foods has recruited the ATMC to help improve manufacturing and production efficiencies.

American Flexible Conduit of New Bedford, a division of Tyco Flow Control, is a leading manufacturer, designer and supplier of electrical distribution projects. The ATMC will assist in devising improved methods for manufacturing electrical conduit.

Harodite Industries of Taunton specializes in custom finishing, coating, laminating, sheeting and cutting of woven and non-woven textiles. Harodite is also home to world-class experts in polymer and textile chemistry. Harodite will use the ATMC resources to upgrade its manufacturing processes.

The ATMC is providing these companies with the Business Research Center, the expertise of faculty and technical staff, the experience of industry professionals and the energy and creativity of top shelf engineering and business students. Also, the companies have access to the laboratory and technical resources of the ATMC and UMass Dartmouth.

Apart from providing expert assistance, the ATMC has two additional

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strategic initiatives: enabling and accelerating new technology ventures and hosting technical, business, and educational conferences and workshops.  
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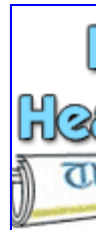
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