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CHATHAM LEADERS LEARN IN GERMANY

IEI Sends Three to Bring Advanced Manufacturing Ideas Home

RALEIGH—Three Chatham County community leaders returned from the *Global Leaders: Germany 2014* study trip with new insights and ideas for enhancing Chatham County's modern manufacturing sector. The program, organized by the [Center for International Understanding](#), allowed individuals from across North Carolina to learn firsthand about Germany's successful economic development model, specifically as it relates to advanced manufacturing, workforce development and education. The Institute for Emerging Issues sponsored the participation of the Chatham County leaders. To view the complete itinerary, visit [here](#).

"Our Chatham delegation has a series of actions that we will take to capitalize on what we gained from this trip," said Dr. Pamela Senegal, Vice President of Economic Community Development for Central Carolina Community College. "Because of the emerging employment possibilities for the Chatham-Randolph megasite within the automotive industry, it is of particular importance that we have an industry-friendly model in place for employers who wish to participate in apprenticeships."

The Chatham County team included:

- Dianne Reid, President, Chatham County Economic Development Corporation;
- Renee F. Paschal, Chatham County Assistant County Manager; and
- Dr. Pamela Senegal, Vice President of Economic and Community Development, Central Carolina Community College.

IEI sponsored the participation of these leaders as an extension of IEI's work following the 2013 Emerging Issues Forum, @Manufacturing Works.

Background on IEI:

Established in 2002, the Institute for Emerging Issues (IEI) connects people and resources from all sectors and areas of North Carolina in an effort to ensure our state's future economic competitiveness. Every February, IEI's Emerging Issues Forum attracts leaders in business, education and public policy to discuss a key challenge facing our state. By supporting collaboration among individuals from a variety of perspectives and backgrounds, IEI builds an enduring capacity for progress. For more information on IEI's work, visit <http://www.emergingissues.org>.

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