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Press Release

United States Secretary of Commerce Gary Locke Visits American Trim in Lima, Ohio

Secretary Locke selects American Trim as host for local Town Hall meeting based on their efforts to support alternative energy and to create jobs in Ohio.

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Today, American Trim hosted United States Commerce Secretary Gary Locke at their Research and Development Center in Lima, Ohio. The visit was a far reaching effort by the Commerce Department to visit Ohio companies to learn of plans to support the Government's Economic Recovery Plan and showcase new manufacturing techniques supporting that effort.

During Secretary Locke's visit to American Trim he toured the development center to see the advancements made in fuel cell production capabilities. "We were able to demonstrate, in real time, technology which will play an important role in enabling the Administration's alternative energy program as well as change the face of American manufacturing," commented Rick Pfeifer, American Trim's Vice President and Chief Technology Officer. "And, importantly for Ohio and American Trim, this technology will create jobs." Locke remarked after his tour of the facility that, "This factory, American Trim is a great example of the Department of Commerce use of Manufacturing Extension Program (MEP) to help private sector companies drive growth."

In addition to US Secretary Locke, Lieutenant Governor Fisher and Lima's Mayor Berger also addressed the audience of Lima-based companies during the town hall meeting.

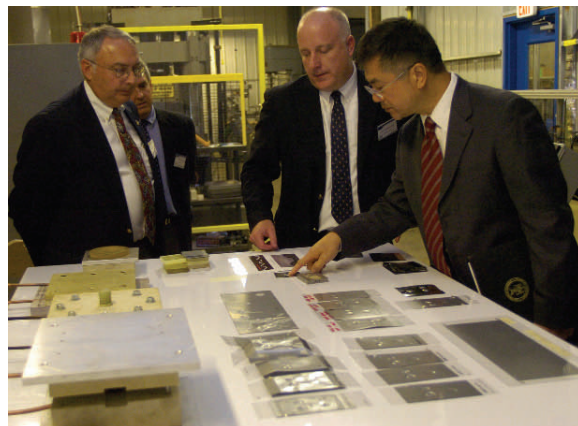
Mayor Berger expressed his goal of attracting State's investment dollars to the Lima area to fund growth and innovation leading to jobs. "Our goal is to invigorate the existing manufacturing base with innovation and technology. American Trim is an exciting example delivering on the vision."

The Lieutenant Governor explained during the town hall discussion that attracting businesses to the Ohio area is the main focus of the Governor's office. They believe this can be done through adjusting to the changing economy by continuing to innovate and grow. He commented on American Trim's use of state funding as being, "a model Ohio company that is symbolic of the kinds of companies we want to keep and attract to Ohio."

About American Trim

American Trim specializes in the forming, decorating, and coating of metal and composite substrates and is Tier 1 supplier to the transportation and appliance markets. These core competencies are supported and enhanced by American Trim's Design and Research and Development activities ensuring the most advanced and cost effective solutions for its customer partners.

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Rick Pfeifer, Tim Hawk and Steve Hatkevich from American Trim demonstrate Hydrogen Fuel Cell Bipolar plates produced in American Trim's Research and Development area using electromagnetic forming



US Secretary Gary Locke, Ohio Lieutenant Governor Lee Fisher and City of Lima Mayor David Berger host the Town Hall meeting at American Trim