Centers for Applied Competitive Technologies



Making it in California









What is a CACT?

Advanced technology companies need a partner, now more than ever, in their business - - an organization that can respond with workforce training and technical solutions.

The Centers for Applied Competitive Technologies (CACT) is that partner organization - - a college-based team of advanced technology experts dedicated to solving operational, personnel, and technical problems.

The highly specialized technical consultants and instructors of the CACTs work through the California Community Colleges Economic and Workforce Development (CCCEWD) initiative. They are dedicated to serving California's advanced technology companies with innovative solutions that are unique and customized.



"We realized that we had to look deeper into systemic problems and work through a series of solutions rather than take a band-aid approach. The weekly coaching provided by the CACT has been critical to keeping this process on track."

Aaron Cox, Applications Design Engineer Energy Absorption Systems, Inc.

"The CACT has developed an outstanding training program for us with exceptional instructors. The participants have been thrilled with it, and the graduates are performing well. The product of these training classes will be the next generation Lockheed Martin employee."

Steve Haydu, Manager of Labor Relations

Lockheed Martin, Palmdale

What do CACTs do?

The 12 CACTs offer technology education, manufacturing training, and consulting services that contribute to continuous workforce development, technology deployment and business development. They contribute to the vibrancy of California's advanced manufacturing sector by helping companies, like yours, compete successfully in changing markets and the global economy. Conveniently co-located at community colleges across the state, the CACTs are a viable resource for advanced technology companies.

Why Partner with a CACT?

Our funding is driven by your success. Our grant programs and leveraged partnerships allow us to offer the most cost-effective workforce training and consultative services for California's advanced technology businesses. We have the same goals as California businesses - - when you succeed, we succeed; our funding depends on it!

The top 10 reasons to tap a CACT:

- 1. A better return on your workforce investment
- 2. Our experts make it easy for you
- 3. Greater profitability and improved quality
- 4. Increased productivity and reduced waste
- 5. College approved curriculum and excellent training expertise
- 6. Unbiased professional evaluation
- 7. Access to advanced technology
- 8. Low or no cost services due to leveraged public sector funding
- 9. High performance employees
- 10. Improved employee safety and reduced hazards

