

Report Urges Textile Center Links To HTC

The North Carolina textiles industry should look to the Hosiery Technology Center as a model for an operation to support marketing, research and development and training, a report submitted to the Department of Community Colleges concludes.

The report, mandated by the 2004 General Assembly, proposes the Center for Applied Textiles Technology become an entity under Gaston Community College in Gaston County, NC, with a relationship similar to that between the HTC and Catawba Valley Community College.

Further, the report insisted the Textiles Technology Center should maintain tight links to the hosiery center. "In order to profit from the successes of the HTC and promote cross-fertilization of the two centers, the legislation that governs the TTC should stipulate that the directors of the TTC and the HTC meet in person quarterly to share information, expertise and strategies. The TTC should also submit an annual report with impact measures similar to that currently produced by the HTC every year," the report says.