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Auto Mayors applaud GM's investment in Canadian innovation

General Motors Executive Vice President Mark Reuss announced today the addition of 1000 highly skilled engineering and software jobs in Oshawa's Tech Centre and a new software development centre in Markham.

GM also announced it will be investing \$10 million into its Kapuskasing Cold Weather testing facility, used to test the versatility of a wide range of products and technologies.

"This announcement speaks volumes about the potential for growth in Canadian automotive research and engineering," said Auto Mayors caucus Chair Rob Burton. "Canada's highly skilled workforce and commitment to innovation make us the natural home for the electric, connected and autonomous vehicles of the near future."

The announcement was also made alongside Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Premier Kathleen Wynne, who reinforced their governments' commitment to partnership with the automotive industry. Both the Prime Minister and Premier highlighted the critical importance of Canada's high education rates and skilled workforce in attracting new jobs and investment in advanced manufacturing.

"Auto represents Canada's largest manufacturing sector, Ontario's largest export and thousands of good, middle-class jobs in our communities," said Mayor Burton. "The auto mayors are committed to working alongside the provincial and federal governments in the development of a National Advanced Manufacturing Strategy."

About:

The Auto Mayors are a group of municipal leaders working collaboratively with all levels of government to support Canadian automotive manufacturing, and promote awareness of its economic importance to Canada, Ontario, and their respective communities.

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