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Application for NCATC Membership

Please indicate the category of membership in the National Coalition of Advanced Technology Centers for which you wish to be considered:

See page 2 for category descriptions and eligibility; see page 3 for Full Center Requirements

Full Center **Affiliate** **Associate** **System-Centric**
 Strategic Alliance/Corporate Partner **Individual** (Reserved for Former ATC Employees)

Name of Organization: _____

Name of ATC (if applicable): _____

Areas of Expertise: _____

Main contact person: _____

Main contact title: _____

Contact mailing address: _____

Contact Telephone: _____ **Contact FAX:** _____

Contact email address: _____

Contact's secretary/assistant: _____

President/CEO name: _____

President/CEO address: _____

President/CEO Telephone: _____ **Pres/CEO FAX:** _____

President/CEO email address: _____

Date submitted: _____

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a. Why you wish to be a member of the NCATC:

b. What you hope to gain from membership in the NCATC:

c. How you believe your institution can contribute to the mission of the NCATC:

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Criteria and Categories: Application for Membership

Membership in the NCATC requires a commitment to share information with other institutions and to participate in Coalition activities. All members are strongly urged to register for the annual conference. There are four categories of membership:

Full Member: Institutions of higher education having established, operating ATC's are eligible for Full Membership. As well as having general voting privileges in the Coalition, Full members are eligible to serve on the Coalition's Board of Directors. Applicants requesting this category of membership will be asked to provide evidence* of their ATC's level of activity and to secure the endorsement of the NCATC Regional Coordinator. The annual fee is \$600. NCATC has special pricing for multi-college districts desiring to have more than three of its colleges hold NCATC membership status.
(*Please see attached page for Full member criteria.)

Affiliate Member: Institutions of higher education that are affiliated with a Full Center Member in good standing that have an interest and/or affiliation with advanced technology training are eligible for Affiliate Membership in the Coalition. The Full Center must assume full financial responsibility for the Affiliate Member(s) and all anniversary dates will be the same. Affiliate members do NOT have voting privileges in the Coalition. Affiliate Members must be recommended by their affiliate Full Center member and be Board approved. The annual fee is \$150.

Note: Affiliate members can request an upgrade to Full member through the process defined under Full Member above

Associate Member: Institutions of higher education that have an interest in or are in the process of developing an ATC are eligible for Associate Membership in the Coalition. Associate members have voting privileges in the Coalition. The annual fee is \$600. NCATC has special pricing for multi-college districts desiring to have more than three of its colleges hold NCATC membership status.

Note: Associate members can request an upgrade to Full member through the process defined under Full Member above.

System-Centric Membership – Each organization within the system must meet the same criteria and categories above – a combination of Full Center and Associate is allowed – and coordinates invoicing through the system office. For discounted pricing schedule – please refer to the “NCATC System-Centric Pricing Matrix” on page 4.

Strategic Alliance/Corporate Member: This category is reserved for profit and non-profit organizations that support the goals of the NCATC and will assist the Coalition in achieving those goals. Corporate members do not have voting privileges. *The application must include an outline of special offers and/or value-added opportunities for NCATC member organizations.* The annual fee is \$600.00.

Individual Member: This non-voting category applies to individuals who wish to continue their support the NCATC goals and objectives. It is reserved for individuals who are former employees of a NCATC member organization. It is not available to individuals currently employed by secondary or postsecondary institutions. The annual fee is \$75.00.



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Please complete and mail the attached Application for Membership (and supporting materials if applying for Full Membership) to NCATC:

National Coalition of Advanced Technology Centers
 33607 Seneca Drive
 Solon, OH 44139
 Attn: Craig McAtee, Executive Director

After receipt and review of your application by the NCATC Board of Directors, you will be notified of status, and if accepted, invoiced per the category of membership.

NCATC System-Centric	Number of Qualifying Institutions in Single System			
	1	2-5	6-10	11+
Quantity >>>	1	2-5	6-10	11+
% Discount	0%	5%	10%	20%
Total \$ Saved @ Min	\$600	\$1,140	\$3,240	\$5,280
Total Saved \$ @ Max	\$600	\$2,850	\$5,400	\$9,600
Min FREE Members	0.00	0.10	0.60	2.20
Max FREE Members	0.00	0.25	1.00	4.00

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CRITERIA FOR FULL MEMBERSHIP IN THE NCATC

An Advanced Technology Center (ATC) operation is a commitment of persons and resources in the effort to reach, enhance, and add value to business and industry. It is not necessarily a physical facility, but is often thought of and referred to as a structure. Beyond bricks and mortar, an ATC operation is a conscious effort to bring together the resources of the college or institution in workforce development, economic development and business and industry outreach. Its organizational model usually reflects the needs of the local community and by its nature is involved in the application of new and leading edge technology.

Full Membership in the NCATC is reserved for those organizations that fulfill the role of industry and technical training and service through a major commitment of resources, facilities and focused efforts. In essence, the Full Membership category is reserved for those institutions with established, operating Advanced Technology Centers.

To help guide the Membership Committee in its decision-making process, the following is a list of indicators to which each applicant should respond.

PLEASE SUBMIT FLYERS, BROCHURES, NEWSPAPER ARTICLES, OR OTHER INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR CENTER THAT MIGHT PROVE HELPFUL TO THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE. Examples in any or all of the following six areas will assist the evaluation of the application.

1. Evidence of an ATC role and one that demonstrates a commitment to the philosophy of industry and technical training and service.
2. Evidence of a commitment of the governing and administrative structures of the institution.
3. Evidence of a commitment of resources from the institution to the ATC.
4. Evidence of a commitment to the kind of programming that distinguishes ATCs from other postsecondary programs.
5. Evidence of a pro-active program promotion and delivery.
6. Evidence of a commitment to providing benefits and services to industry and education beyond training.

Membership in the NCATC requires a commitment to share information with other institutions and to participate in Coalition activities. All members are urged to register for the annual NCATC Fall Conference.

The NCATC Regional Coordinator for your area will assist in the evaluation for Full Center Membership status.

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NCATC Membership Benefits - Highlights

- Participation in a member driven organization that serves institutions providing technological and educational services to business and industry.
- Access to current best practices in technology center marketing, administration, scheduling and program delivery from the top Advanced Technology Centers in the nation.
- Access to over 170 institutional members for benchmarking to reduce decision making risk and facilitate a combined access to vendors, products and services.
- FREE membership in the National Council of Advanced Manufacturing (NACFAM) - valued at \$5,000 a year;
- FREE access to best practices from most of the top Advanced Technology Centers (ATC) in the nation;
- FREE access to the membership listserv where members readily exchange and share information and resources;
- FREE access to our information-rich website;
- Discounted registration for our annual national conference and our summer workshop;
- Reduced costs for technical consulting through the Member Assistance Program (MAP);
- Exclusive discounts for products and services from our strategic partners, including:
 - Amatrol, Desktop Factory, Festo, HAAS Automation, Lab-Volt, Lincoln Electric, Materialise, NextEngine, Inc., NOCTI, Pro-Metal, The Quality Group, ToolingU, 3D Rapid Prototyping, Solidworks, an Z Corporation;
- Recognized external evaluation services for national grants such as Department of Labor (DOL), Department of Transportation (DOT), and the National Science Foundation (NSF);
- Discounted prices for Center for Occupational Research and Development (CORD) products (e.g., “*Necessary Skills Now*”) and services.
- And much, much more.....