

103.3 - Invention, Innovation and New Product Development: Building Worldwide Partnerships for Technical Textile Technologies.

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'The North Carolina State University has had a theme of the "New World of Textiles" for many years. Much of the focus has been on innovation and the creation of new products. It is obvious that to accomplish goals they had to build global partnerships with leading companies and universities throughout the world. Establishment of a Nonwovens Institute, their Industry University Research Center on Filtration, and Textile Protection and Comfort Center provide the infrastructure for worldwide collaborations with leading university faculty, students and industry partners. NCSU is creating a new research programs in automotive textiles, medical textiles and nanotextiles with new university and industry worldwide partnerships to better serve the needs of an expanding global marketplace.