

Robotics Training Facility, Decatur

Photography by Edward Badbam



The vast training hall where leading robotics companies will conduct training can be viewed from a mezzanine passage overlooking the space.



The transparency of the building along its U.S. 31 frontage is visible at dusk.



In the lobby, an LED projection light show that ranges through a color spectrum emphasizes the leading-edge aspects of the facility.



The changing light display can be seen through glass walls wrapping the lobby.

By Philip Morris



“Geometries incorporated throughout the design are an architectural interpretation of a robotic aesthetic,” states the competition entry from Goodwyn Mills & Cawood that garnered an Alabama Chapter AIA Honor Award earlier this year for the state’s new Robotics Training Center.

Located across from the Calhoun Community College campus just north of Decatur, the 68,000-square-foot structure clad in glass, steel, brick and zinc panels is the first of the envisioned three-building Alabama Robotics Technology Park intended to move the state to the forefront in training and research in this field.

Visitors will be able to survey training conducted by leaders in the industry in a vast 22,500-square-foot bay that makes maximum use of daylight. The building and entire campus aims for a LEED Gold or higher certification. Other members of the design/construction team: structural, Tucker-Jones Engineers Associated P.C.; mechanical, Edmunds Engineering Inc.; electrical, Jackson Renfro & Associates Inc.; general contractor, Gary C. Wyatt Inc.