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Comau LLC Unveils LIFT Lightweighting Research Lab in Southfield, MI

SOUTHFIELD, Mich. – Comau and LIFT – Lightweight Innovations For Tomorrow, opened the doors today to a new LIFT Lab inside the Comau Innovation Center in Southfield. The 1,000-sq. ft. facility will serve as an extension of LIFT’s Corktown research center providing additional collaborative space for LIFT members and partners to conduct lightweighting research along with access to Comau equipment and resources– including a fully equipped metallurgical lab, advanced laser welding lab and a machine shop.

The resource expansion follows the recent announcement by LIFT and IACMI – The Composites Institute, of nearly \$50 million in advanced manufacturing equipment and upgrades to their Corktown facility.

LIFT, one of the founding [Manufacturing USA](#) institutes, and a part of the National Network of Manufacturing Innovation program, is a Detroit-based public-private partnership dedicated to developing and deploying advanced lightweight metal manufacturing technologies, and implementing education and training programs to better prepare the workforce today and in the future. Comau is one of LIFT’s conveners and inaugural partners.

“Comau has been a proponent of LIFT’s mission since the very beginning,” said Martin Kinsella, Comau LLC and chairman of the LIFT Executive Advisory Council on Education and Workforce Development. “This new lab provides an ideal environment for idea-sharing and partnering among LIFT members and our staff to advance the world of lightweighting.”

“We truly are a network of innovators in the advanced manufacturing industry and we could not be happier with the support Comau has provided from the beginning on our technology projects as well as our workforce development initiatives,” said Lawrence E. Brown, executive director, LIFT. “Expanding our network to facilities like the Comau Innovation Center will allow our members to do more research and help the industry bring more lightweight solutions to market.”

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ABOUT LIFT

LIFT is a Detroit-based, public-private partnership committed to the development and deployment of advanced lightweight metal manufacturing technologies, and implementing education and training initiatives to better prepare the workforce today and in the future. LIFT is one of the founding institutes of [Manufacturing USA](#), and is funded in part by the Department of Defense with management through the Office of Naval Research. Visit www.lift.technology to learn more.

ABOUT COMAU

Comau, a member of the FCA Group, is a worldwide leader in delivering advanced industrial automation solutions that integrate products, technologies and services to help companies of all sizes increase plant efficiency while lowering operating costs and optimizing returns. Headquartered in Turin, Italy, Comau has over 40 years of factory-proven experience, and an international network of 34 locations, 15 manufacturing plants and 5 innovation centers that span 17 countries and employ more than 9,000 people. With a strong focus on innovation, Comau is committed to developing competency through the formation of individuals and groups as part of its open automation approach. Comau is driving the future of production automation by engineering lean and sustainable solutions and products. Its modular, flexible and highly-configurable products can be tailored to meet the needs of each individual customer. Through the continuous development of products and services, Comau is able to lead the automation industry in every phase of a project - from design, implementation and installation, to production start-up and maintenance services. Its comprehensive offering includes manufacturing and assembly solutions, powertrain machining, robotics and asset maintenance services for a wide range of industrial sectors.

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