GREENVILLE - Clemson University and Greenville Technical College are building a new $25 million center to train students for high-tech jobs in automotive, transportation and other industries.

The Center for Manufacturing Innovation is a joint effort between the institutions and industry.

Officials broke ground on the new center in Greenville on Monday adjacent to Clemson's International Center for Automotive Research Technology known as I-CAR.

The goal of the center is to increase the number of skilled workers for companies operating in upstate South Carolina.

The center will offer dual-credit programs and also work in partnership with Greenville County schools to interest students in careers in advanced manufacturing.