



TMMK gets Corporate Citizenship Award

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Toyota Motor Manufacturing Kentucky was honored this morning by Gov. Ernie Fletcher as part of the Tech Day in Kentucky observance.

Making a stop at the plant's visitors center, Fletcher presented the Corporate Citizenship Award.

The governor cited technological leadership at the plant, notably the rollout of the Georgetown-made Camry Hybrid last fall, as well as the company's civic leadership.

Tech Day was started last year by ConnectKentucky, an economic development partnership between businesses, state government and universities.

"Advances in technology at TMMK have helped lead Toyota into its current position as dominant in the world auto market, including the production of the No. 1 car in North America in the Toyota Camry," said state Sen. Damon Thayer on Wednesday.

"This is a great honor and one that all Toyota team members should take pride in," added the Georgetown Republican.

State Rep. Charlie Hoffman, D-Georgetown, noted the environmental impact of the hybrid vehicles.

"Toyota's pioneering hybrid systems and the company's drive to develop other clean technologies have demonstrated a commitment to the environment that's crucial as we begin to face the effects of global climate change," said Hoffman, speaking from Frankfort.

"This environmental commitment is not only good business practice for Toyota and an economic boon for Georgetown, but it's also smart private-sector policy for all of the commonwealth's citizens," he said. "We applaud Toyota's vision and commitment to the Georgetown-Scott County quality of life."

A press release from ConnectKentucky said Toyota has made more than \$28 million in charitable contributions and sponsorships to education, civic groups, health and human services, the arts and environmental efforts.

"We are so happy to call Kentucky our home," said TMMK President Steve St. Angelo in the release. "We hope that people across the commonwealth will see our partnerships with all of the non-profit, academic and volunteer organizations across the state as a demonstration of our deep commitment to Kentucky."

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