The GIBI increased 12.2 points due to increases in all its underlying variables.

Exports as a percentage of total sales increased .2 points to 12.6 points. Imports as a percent of total sales increased 0.1 points to 41.3.

GIBI New Orders increased 15.9 points as a result of 18.7% more participants reporting 'Up' New Orders and 13.2% less participants reporting 'Down' New Orders.

GIBI's Production increased 4.7 points as a result of 3.3% more participants reporting 'Up' Production and 6% less participants reporting 'Down' Production.

GIBI's Capital Spending increased 19.5 points based on 17.6% more participants reporting 'Up' Capital Spending and 21.4% less participants reporting 'Down' Capital Spending.

The quarterly Georgia International Business Index provides a snapshot of foreign manufacturing business activity in Georgia. Data on new orders, production employment and capital spending are collected and tallied into a diffusion index compiled from responses to the question: did your company experience an increase, decrease or no change during the past quarter? A GIBI reading above 50 indicates that more respondents are reporting increases than decreases. For example, if out of 100 respondents 50 reported higher new orders, 45 no change and 5 a decline, then the resulting index is determined by weighting (50x1+45x.5+5x0) = 72.5 points. When more respondents report higher new orders and less report lower new orders it signals improved economic conditions for more respondents. The GIBI is the sum of multiplying .25 times each component's underlying variables.
Exports among foreign-funded manufacturers averaged 12.6% of their total sales for this quarter, a .2-point increase compared to the previous quarter.

Imports among foreign-funded manufacturers averaged 41.3% of their total purchases for this quarter, a .1-point increase compared to the previous quarter.

Foreign-funded manufacturers reported 73.1 for New Orders, 16.9 points above New Orders of the average Georgia manufacturer.

Foreign-funded manufacturers reported 65.4 for Production, 5.1 points above Production of the average Georgia manufacturer.

Foreign-funded manufacturers reported 73.1 for Employment, 15.1 points above Employment of the average Georgia manufacturer.

31% of foreign-funded manufacturers reported that less than 5% of their capital investments came from foreign sources.

31% of foreign-funded manufacturers that participated are in the Electrical Equipment sector.

46% of foreign-funded manufacturers reported that their exports this quarter represented less than 5% of their total sales.

46% of foreign-funded manufacturers reported that their imports this quarter represented between 5% and 50% of their total purchases.

31% of foreign-funded manufacturers reported that less than 5% of their capital investments came from foreign sources.