

5 Quick Questions: Greg Matter, Supply Chain Consultant

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This edition of 5 Quick Questions offers insight from supply chain consultant Greg Matter as he discusses the benefits Asian tech companies see in expanding their U.S. manufacturing footprint.

According to the business consulting firm Jones Lang LaSalle, there has been a significant uptick in the number of tech manufacturing jobs in the U.S. since 2001. One of the major reasons for expanding manufacturing to the U.S. stems from the desire to have factories closer to consumers and those who can then fix problems.

Examples include:

Motorola, who is increasing manufacturing in Silicon Valley.

The infamous Foxconn's growing presence in the U.S.

Mitac (a Taiwanese computer server manufacturer) recently bought a 220,000 square foot building in Newark, CA.

Chinese computer maker Lenovo is building a new manufacturing plant in northern California.

I sat down with Greg Matter, vice president with Jones Lang LaSalle and leader of its Technology Practice Group to discuss this influx of tech manufacturing in some surprisingly high-cost manufacturing areas.

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