

US Congressman Dave Trott Visits MNATC

TROY MI (April 12, 2016) Mahindra North American Technical Center welcomed US Representative Dave Trott for a visit and town hall style discussion at our Troy, MI-based engineering center yesterday. Trott, who represents Michigan's 11th congressional district, is a first term congressman currently serving on the House Committee on Foreign Affairs and the House Committee on the Judiciary. A longtime advocate for both job creation and economic development in the region, Trott talked with MNATC leadership about the company's plans for future growth—plans that could potentially include an up to \$6 Billion contract from the United States Postal Service to supply them with up to 180,000 next generation postal delivery vehicles. One of a number of companies still in contention, Mahindra hopes to be named a finalist for the contract when the Postal Service soon selects companies to build prototype vehicles. MNATC—who is heading up Mahindra's bid—spent time familiarizing Congressman Trott with their approach to the vehicle, showing him both the proposed chassis and ergonomic buck— designed in partnership with Prof. Matthew Reed, ergonomics specialist and head of the Biosciences Group at the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute. After learning about Mahindra's heritage of building rugged, right-hand drive commercial vehicles and our strong focus on improving the overall vehicle safety for the postal service drivers, Congressman Trott pledged to write a letter of recommendation to the USPS endorsing Mahindra's bid for the contract.

Further time during Trott's first visit to MNATC was spent touring the facility and meeting with the company's core team of engineers. Trott commended the MNATC team for fortifying an already strong automotive engineering presence in the region, and promised a continued advocacy for the furtherance of economic prosperity in his district.



(Congressman Trott and COO Rick Haas in the USPS ergonomics buck)

