

President Toomas Hendrik Ilves, who is on a working visit to the United States of America, today visited the Boston offices of two startup companies that have an Estonian background – GrabCAD and ZeroTurnaround.

The Estonian Head of State described as impressive the fact that more than 153,000 engineers make use of the GrabCAD environment, created for mechanical engineers, and that the company's website received more than seven million hits over the last month alone.

The founders of GrabCAD, Hardi Meybaum and Indrek Narusk, who are both graduates of the Department of Mechanics of Tallinn University of Technology, opened a new office of their company in Boston yesterday.

"It's great to hear the praise given to the company by international investors: the quality and dependability of Estonian software is second to none," said President Ilves.

"As President and a citizen of Estonia I am proud of my fellow countrymen who are not afraid to break out into the world with their ideas and are successful," said the Estonian Head of State.

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