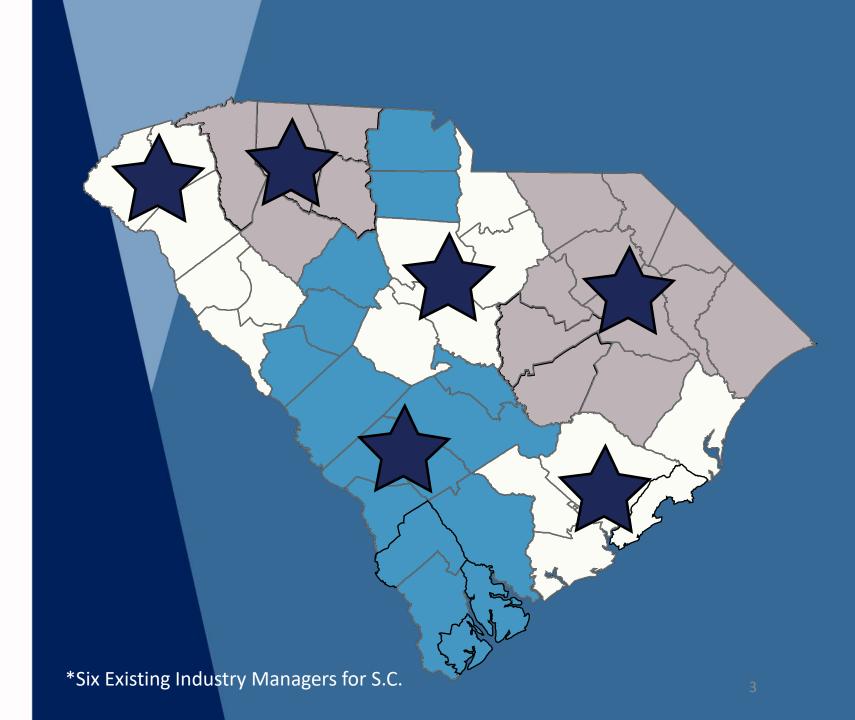


Service After the Sale: Business Services

Existing Industry (EI) Site Visitation Supplier Outreach Small Business Innovation Recycling Market Development **Export/Trade Workforce Development Emergency Management/COVID-19 Support Business Impact**

Service After the Sale:

Existing Industry (EI)
Site Visitation
Program





GOAL: Assess the business need and identify solutions for improvement.

APPROACH

The Existing Industry team visits S.C. manufacturing companies to evaluate needs and coordinate resources to remedy production and profitability obstacles.

Types of lead generation:

- ✓ Local county
- ✓ Direct company contact
- ✓ Networking events and conferences
- √ Website inquiries
- ✓ Referral from industry sector partners

KEY SUPPORT AREAS

- ✓ Identify expansion opportunities
- ✓ Labor force challenges
- ✓ Training
- ✓ Production and quality resources
- ✓ Supplier identification





Industry Roundtables



Key Industry Support Partners

Partners

✓ The South Carolina Council on Competitiveness

✓ The S.C. Manufacturing Extension
Partnership

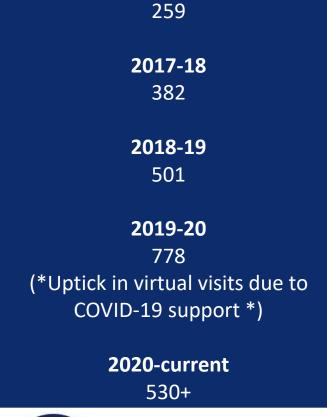
KEY SUPPORT AREAS

- ✓ Research
- ✓ Industry Cluster Support
 - Aerospace
 - Logistics
 - Cyber
- ✓ Education/Workforce
- ✓ Technical Assistance

We also work closely with the SC Automotive Council and SCBIO.



Manufacturing Visitations 2016-17 259 2017-18 382 2018-19 501 2019-20 778 COVID-19 support *)



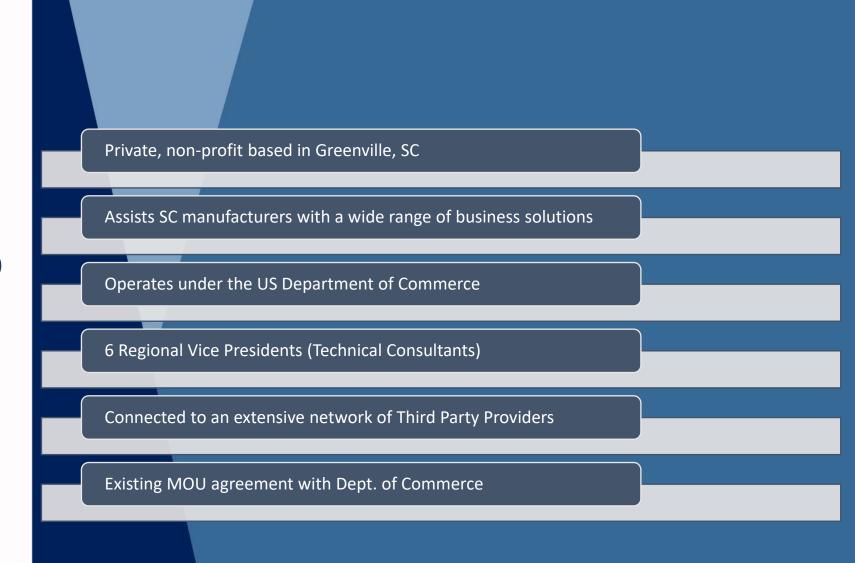




Average Size Business Visited 100 employees or less



SC Manufacturing Extension Partnership (SCMEP)





Business Assessment and Support

Competitiveness Review (CR)

Comprehensive, on-site evaluation of the company's operations that appraises capabilities and gauges the effectiveness of business systems

- No cost to the company
- Reveals (or confirms) limiting factors
- Provides a snapshot comparison to other companies
- Delivers a roadmap to improve business performance

Match Funding

- DOC provides match grant funding for company projects
- Limit \$20k per company per fiscal year
- Funding Percentages
 - Rural Counties up to 90%
 - Under 20 Employees (any county) up to 90%
 - Urban Counties 20%-50% depending on # of employees







5 Most Common Areas of Need:

Competitiveness
Review Assessment



- **Solution**: Propose entering into the Sales and Marketing Boost Program
- 2) Implementation of lean manufacturing
 - **Solution**: Propose participation in lean manufacturing training to adopt new techniques
- 3) Lack of a strategic plan
 - Solution: Strategic planning and policy development training
- 4) Workforce challenges centered around employee retention and recruitment
 - **Solution**: Implementation of leadership development pathways and developing the talent pipeline
- 5) Registering to the appropriate international standard such as ISO9001 and AS9100
 - **Solution**: Propose training resources that will help implement these standards and train employees within their operation, maintenance and auditing.



SC Manufacturing Extension Partnership (SCMEP)

Prepare manufacturers to implement a wide range of continuous improvement tools that provide sustainable results

January-December 2020 Impact Results

400 companies served

406 projects completed

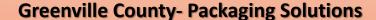
7,099 new/retained jobs

\$90MM in New Sales

\$165MM in Cost Savings

\$2.5B in Retained Sales

Statewide Impact of \$3 Billion



Situation: Company was looking for ways to improve competitiveness and productivity. One client made up 60% of total revenue (lack of diversification).

Solution: Enrolled and completed the Sales and Marketing Boost Program (6 training courses). As a result, the company has implemented a lead generation system and a new business development system.

Orangeburg County-Warehousing, Logistics & Distribution

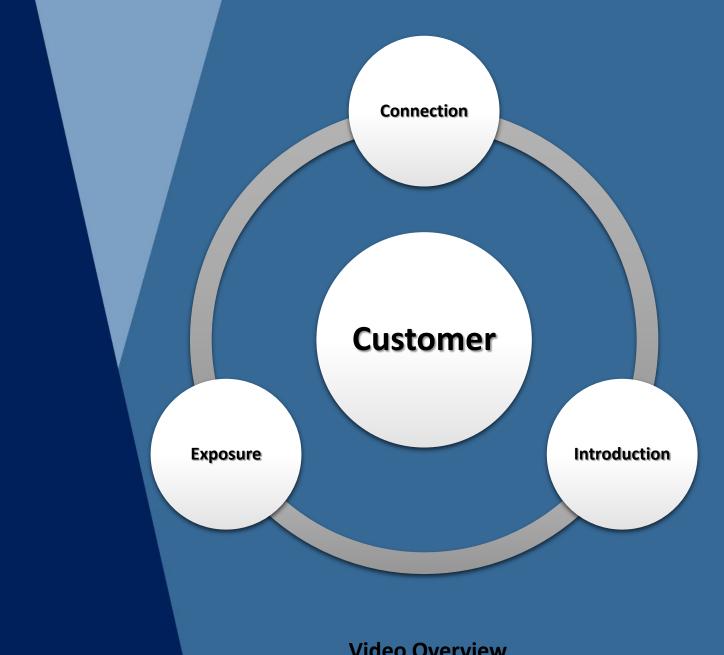
Situation: Company needed assistance with increasing brand awareness and developing a loyal customer base.

Solution: Developed a new web presence, email marketing campaign platform and lead generation system.



Service After the Sale:

Supplier Outreach





GOAL: Support South Carolina companies large and small, new or existing, with any supplier needs they may have currently and ongoing.

APPROACH

The Supplier Outreach Team provides personalized sourcing and matchmaking for large manufacturing facilities.

By supporting the manufacturing community with supplier introductions for new construction, expansion and ongoing operational needs, we strengthen the SC business network.

KEY SUPPORT AREAS

- ✓ Identify South Carolina Suppliers/ SourceSC Industry Directory
- ✓ Host B2B Matchmakers
- ✓ Host Supplier Outreach Events



Assist with identifying SC Suppliers

Facility reaches out to DOC with specific supplier need Supplier
Outreach Team
sources
potential
matches based
on capabilities

Introductions are made to facility contact



Host B2B Matchmaker Events

Supplier Outreach
Team recruits
OEM and assesses
current supplier
needs

Market
matchmaking
event opportunity
to SC suppliers
interested in
participating

Present interested supplier pool to OEM
Individual meeting selection(s) takes place

Matchmaking Day
15 minute
meetings
executed

2019 & 2020 automotive matchmaking events generated 400+ meetings

May 2021 85 virtual meetings generated (Due to COVID-19)



Host Supplier Outreach Events

New project or expansion is announced/released

Supplier Team works with local county and company to handle all interested supplier inquiries

Launch
informational
webpage and
database portal to
store interested
suppliers and
capabilities

Supplier Outreach Event



Calls, emails and dissemination of periodic updates on behalf of the company

Allows the company to continue critical background work until major decisions are made, like securing a General Contractor

Builds good will with the community

Increase brand awareness

Benefits for new or expanding company

Serves as a workforce recruitment tool

Ability to share their mission, vision and values

Start building relationships

Engage early with prime contractors

Benefits for the supplier and/or contractor

Partner/network with other companies

Learn what's expected from the company to submit a strong RFP



Volvo
Supplier
Outreach
Event Video



of SC Companies that participated in SC Commerce hosted B2B/Outreach Events

2016-17 683

2017-18 581

2018-19 490

2019-2020 485

2020-current 500+



SourceSC Enrollment

2016-17

530

2017-18

1,310

2018-19

1,536

2019-20

1,568

2020current **1600+**



www.sourcesc.com

Service After the Sale: Industry Directory

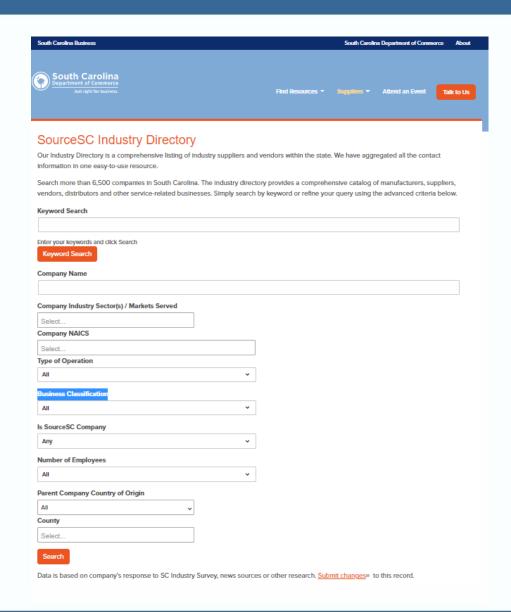
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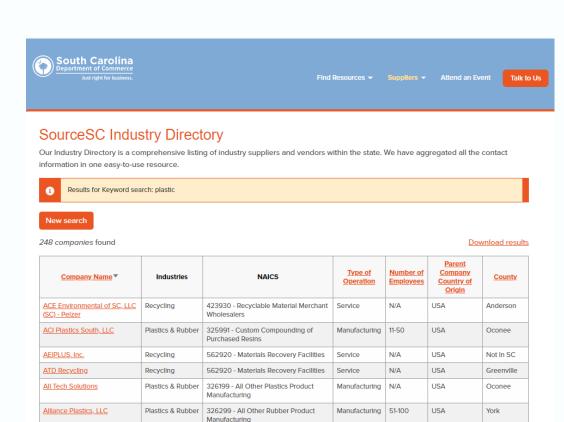
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(formerly Cytec Industries,





Manufacturing 11-50

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Supplier Outreach Spotlight:



Automotive B2B 2019

Atlantic Tooling and Fabricating (Supplier) – Quinby, SC

"B2B's really help you network. It helps you connect to people & companies that you may not normally have had exposure to."

DraexImaier Outreach Event 2018

DraexImaier Supplier Team (Tier 1 Supplier) – Duncan, SC

"Out of the 30 suppliers present we anticipate following-up with 18 companies."



Service After the Sale:

Small Business Development





Service After the Sale: Small Business Support

GOAL: Connect entrepreneurs and small businesses with resources to start, maintain and grow their business

APPROACH

The Small Business Support team can help small businesses connect with funding, local resources, buyers, even data and analytics to guide business decisions.

The S.C. Small Business Development Centers are a key partner for technical assistance.

KEY SUPPORT AREAS

- ✓ Serve as the statewide connectivity lead for small businesses
- ✓ Business Resource Hub https://scbizdev.sccommerce.com/
- ✓ Support small business stakeholders who provide one-on-one technical assistance



Service After the Sale: Small Business

of SC Small Business Inquiries Addressed

2016-17 325

2017-18 491

2018-19 347

2019-2020 330

2020-current 620+

Inquiry received

SB Team assess the need

Deliver referral recommendation (s)

Referral introduction

Follow-up

Top 5 requests for resource assistance:

- 1. Available loan/grant programs
- 2. Business planning assistance
- 3. Business licensing and registration requirements
- 4. Opportunities for business development
- 5. Marketing/web presence



10 employees or less

Average Size Business Assisted

Service After the Sale: Small Business Partners

SC Small Business Development Centers (SBDC)

Lead statewide small business technical assistance provider

Lowcountry Local First/Good Enterprise Program (LLF)

Promote and develop local-independent business growth

Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA)



Champion for minority-owned businesses in SC

Service After the Sale:

SC Small Business Development Centers (SBDC)



Non-profit organization

Provides no-fee consulting and training to assist small business owners and potential owners in starting and growing a successful business

SBDCs are created through a partnership between the U.S. Small Business Administration and local universities

4 Regions – UofSC, Clemson University, SC State & Winthrop University

35 business consultants across the network

Existing MOU agreement with Department of Commerce



Service After the Sale: Small Business Development Centers





Service After the Sale: Small Business Development Centers

Suite of Services

- Start a New Business
- Grow an Existing Business
- Work with the Government
- Exporting
- Technology Commercialization
- Recovery Assistance
- COVID-19 Pandemic Support

2020 Statewide Services & Outcomes

11,926	Individuals counseled
10,101	Individuals trained
\$77,115,175	Capital infusion
\$34,331,234	 Government contracts won
559	• Jobs created
3,355	 Jobs retained
146	 New businesses started



Service After the Sale: Small Business Development Centers

Barber Tech Academy Orangeburg, SC





Aspiring academy owner visited the Orangeburg Area SBDC with the objective to open a barber training academy in Orangeburg.

Primary needs were obtaining financing to open the school and developing a strategy to receive accreditation.

SBDC consultant assisted with developing a comprehensive business plan, preparing financial projections and identifying a target market that could afford the training out-of-pocket. These students would sustain the business until the academy received its accreditation.

Today, Barber Tech Academy is considered one of the pillars of the Orangeburg community in the downtown area. The academy is fully operational, has grown from a 1400 sq. foot space to a 4200 sq. foot building.



Service After the Sale:

Innovation





The 3Phase Program, in partnership with the **UofSC Columbia Technology Incubator**, assists companies with pursuing and successfully acquiring Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) awards.

Small Business Innovation Research(SBIR)

Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR)

US government programs, coordinated by the Small Business Administration, intended to help small businesses conduct research and development. SBIR & STTR are congressionally-mandated research and development (R&D) funding programs (created in 1982).

SBIR & STTR are designed to help small businesses turn innovative ideas into marketworthy products.

SBIR & STTR have identical review criteria and processes.

STTR requires the small business to partner with a not-for-profit research institution in their proposal. SBIR does not have this requirement.

Launched Feb. 2018 SBIR grants secured: \$7.5MM (12 total) **Proposals Awaiting Funding: 20 totaling** \$8.9MM **Total Applications Received: 94 Total Applications Accepted: 87 Total Proposal Submissions: 66** Total Educational Outreach Workshops: 11 **Total Consultation Hours: 3,245**



Federal Gov't (investor) seeks to help a small business convert innovative technology into a marketable product

How it works?

Significant milestones must be met before all money is awarded

SBIR and STTR Awards are broken into 3 phases



Phase1 Objective: Proof of

Concept

Phase 2 Objective: R&D

Phase 3 Objective: Pursue

Commercialization

SC small business reaches out to a state supported program (3Phase Team) to develop a proposal for a new technology and submit application.

Application is accepted...

SBIR or STTR Federal awarded for \$1MM over 2.5 years



Phase 0

- State sponsored programs provide awareness to increase participation and training on services
- Pre-proposal analysis
- Proposal preparation and submission

Phase1

- Feasibility study (approx. 6 months)
- Studies require \$100k-150k in grant awards
- Once studies are complete, the remainder of the grant awards are issued

Phase 2

- \$750k-\$1MM awarded for two more years of research and development
- Note: Phase 1 and 2 awards complete the entirety of funding the government will provide

Commercialization pursuit
 Companies that receive Ph

- Companies that receive Phase 1 and 2 funding are now expected to raise capital to move their product towards commercialization (to market).
- **Note**: A commercialization strategy is required as part of the original application so the funding agency knows the SB has a credible plan to commercialize the product if R&D is successful.

Phase 3



- Based in Charleston, SC
- Imaging technology firm
- Awarded a Phase 1 Grant to develop a 3dimensional imaging technology using artificial intelligence
- Potential to be used in NASA telescopes



- Based in Anderson, SC
- Biotechnology firm
- Awarded a Phase 2 Grant to develop a degradable stent to include animal studies and the pilot of human clinical trials
- Minimize patient pain and anxiety

As of May 2021, South Carolina ranked #2 with a 30% SBIR success rating. The national average is 12%.



Service After the Sale: Innovation – The Relentless Challenge

The Relentless Challenge Grant solicits proposals for projects that focus on fostering technology-based economic development, entrepreneurship and innovation in South Carolina communities.

Competitive Grant for Incubators & Non-profits

The goal is **growth** and **sustainability**:

The grant seeks to help expand service portfolios and do it in a sustainable way.

Up to \$750k in competitive grants may be awarded.

Individual awards are up to \$75,000.

Dollar for dollar non-state match is required.





Service After the Sale: Innovation – Relentless Challenge Grant

Relentless Grant project proposals must address at least one or more of these goals:







Generate High-Growth Entrepreneurship

Accelerate innovation in the marketplace

Talent
Development and
Recruitment

Generate solutions for long-term workforce demands in tech sector **Unlock Risk Capital**

Create networks for high-growth startups to tap into capital resources



Service After the Sale: Innovation – Relentless Challenge Grant

Investment Overview

2014-2021

\$6.5M+ Total Awards 40 projects 15 counties



Venture Carolina Greenville, SC

- 3 grants awarded totaling \$325,000
- Providing a comprehensive suite of workshops, curricula and conferences for entrepreneurs to learn about early stage funding and how private individuals can become angel investors

I.H.O.P.E Charleston, SC

- 1 grant awarded totaling \$55,000
- Developed I-HOPE
 Accelerator Pilot program aimed to increase the volume of high-scale minority owned startups
- Provide training, mentoring, minority certification assistance and access to venture capital

Rock Hill Economic Development Corporation Rock Hill, SC

- 4 grants awarded totaling \$675,000
- Launched Knowledge Park Center, an initiative to attract and grow tech business
- The organization has deployed a Technology Incubator, Talent Pipeline Apprenticeship Program, Winthrop University CreatorSpace and more

Service After the Sale:

Recycling Market Development





Service After the Sale: Recycling

GOAL: Support the economic growth of South Carolina's recycling industry through building recycling markets, increasing material recovery and promoting the recycling value chain.

APPROACH

The Recycling team works to strengthen existing and emerging recycling markets offering direct business assistance and resolving recycling concerns for manufacturers and recycling companies in South Carolina.

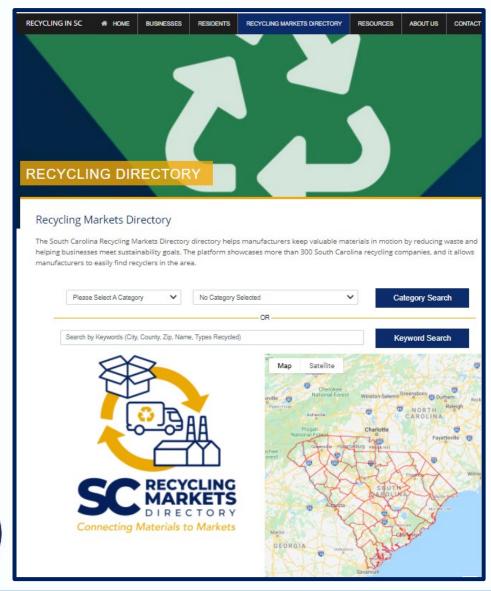
The S.C. Department of Health & Environmental Control is a key partner.

KEY SUPPORT AREAS

- ✓ Recycling/manufacturing company visitation & matchmaking
- ✓ Materials management consultation
- ✓ Recycling Markets Directory
- ✓ Recycling Market Development Advisory Council



Service After the Sale: Recycling Market Development



The South Carolina Recycling Market
Development team launched a online tool
called the SC Recycling Markets Directory.
The directory helps manufacturers keep
valuable materials in motion by reducing
waste and helping businesses meet
sustainability goals. The platform showcases
more than 300 SC recycling companies, and it
allows manufacturers to easily find recyclers
in the area.



http://www.recyclinginsc.com/directory

Service After the Sale: Recycling Market Development

Recycling industry inquiries addressed by the Recycling Team

2016-17 263

2017-18 322

2018-19 263

2019-2020 231

2020-current 200+

Waste stream need discovered during a El or partner visit

Referral made to Recycling Team



Recycling Team assesses the need



Connection made to a recycler

Company Spotlight: WP Rawl (Lexington County)

Company Overview

Vegetable grower, shipper and processor.

Situation

The company discontinued a product line which led to one semi-trailer load of plastic clamshell, which is made out of the same plastic that is used in water or soda bottles.

Solution

Recycling staff connected them with a variety of companies that ultimately included Sonoco Recycling. Sonoco, a global packaging company, took the clamshell material for recycling (reuse) and transformed it into new strawberry or blueberry plastic clamshell containers.





Service After the Sale:

Export





Service After the Sale: Export Support

GOAL: Increase the number of new-to-export companies in the state and expand export markets for existing South Carolina exporters.

APPROACH

The Export Team serves as the statewide lead to grow the number of South Carolina companies that export products and services globally.

Companies that export:

- Increase sales and profits
- Create more jobs
- Diversify risk by selling in multiple markets
- Pay higher wages

KEY SUPPORT AREAS

- 1. Provides **export counseling** and **technical assistance** support.
- 2. Conducts **export training** seminars throughout the state.
- 3. Provides customized **B2B meetings** for S.C. companies through trade missions.
- 4. Supports companies to exhibit at international trade shows.
- 5. Facilitates **grant reimbursements** to support small-to-medium sized exporters.



Trade Promotion Video

Service After the Sale: Export Support

Export Training

Goal: Increase the number of South Carolina companies trained in export processes and procedures. *S.C. Commerce is the lead export training entity in the state*



Supporting Existing Industry by opening up new markets, complying with export regulations and providing market intelligence.

"The training provided by SCDOC has been vitally important for Helibasket LLC. At the time we were in negotiations with a new Canadian customer, I attended the USMCA webinar, which provided important information that enabled me to speak knowledgeably with the customer and develop a solid plan for exports to that market. We now have customers in Canada, Japan, Spain, England, and Brazil, just to mention a few of the countries we serve."

- Greg Hilewitz, General Manager, HeliBasket

Service After the Sale: Export & Trade

Export Grant Program Criteria

GOAL: To help small and medium-sized businesses enter new markets and/or increase their exporting activities.

- Meet the U.S. SBA's definition of a small business.
- In business for at least two years.
- Currently operating at a profit.
- Headquartered in S.C. or manufacturing in S.C. with at least 51% U.S. content and 25% S.C. content.
- Currently have an export/market-ready product.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the costs associated with exporting and doing business with foreign purchasers.
- In good standing with S.C. Department of Revenue or the IRS and able to certify eligibility for federal grants.
- Companies that receive funding must be willing to report export sales data.

Service After the Sale: Export & Trade

EXPORT GRANT PROGRAM



Exhibit Space

Qualifying companies can receive up to \$6,000 in reimbursement toward booth costs associated with exhibiting on their own at a virtual or in-person trade show with an international focus.



Travel

Qualifying companies can receive up to \$3,500 in reimbursement toward eligible flight and lodging cost for travel associated with exhibiting at a trade show or select trade missions.



Export Services

Qualifying companies can receive up to \$2,000 in reimbursement toward services which aid them in reaching foreign markets. Eligible services include virtual and in-person B2B matchmaking.



Website Localization & E-Commerce

Qualifying companies can receive up to \$6,000 in reimbursement toward fees associated with digital marketing and e-commerce. Eligible services include the design/creation of websites localized to foreign markets and digital ad fees.

Export Grant Program
Results
(2015-2020)

of Export Grant Awards 220

Average # of Employees 64

New Markets Entered 70+

Export Sales \$138 million

Export Spotlight: JH Global





- Located in Greenville County
- Manufacturer and distributor of low-speed electric vehicles and accessories
- 60 employees
- Women-owned business

Export Grant Program:

- Began receiving export assistance in 2015
- Exhibited at trade shows in Caribbean, Middle East and India
- Participated in export training workshops

Results:

- Entered new markets in 20+ countries
- Held its first international dealers meeting in Dubai
- Recipient of SC Export Achievement award
- 2021 expansion plans

"We are very appreciative of the support from the South Carolina Commerce Department, and we will continue to put forth our best efforts to grow JH Global internationally."

- Jane Zhang, CEO



Export Spotlight: Innovative Poultry Products



About:

- Located in Bamberg County
- Manufacturer and distributor of trolley system for the poultry industry
- 8 employees

Export Grant Program:

- Began receiving export assistance in 2017
- Participated in trade shows and state trade missions to Panama and Colombia
- Participated in export training workshops

Results:

- Entered the Canadian market
- Expanded facility in 2019

"The team from SC Commerce really held our hand as we introduced the Poultry Hawk® overseas. They set up and attended meetings on our behalf in Colombia and Panama. We are so grateful for all their guidance."

- Chad Brubaker, President

Service After the Sale:

Workforce Development





SOUTH CAROLINA WORKFORCE ECOSYSTEM

Advocacy, Engagement, Recruitment and Job Placement	Education, Training and Labor Market Data
1) SCDEW/SC Works System Partners (Local Workforce Development Board, DSS, Vocational Rehabilitation) - Job Recruitment - Job Placement	1) South Carolina Technical College System
 2) SC Department of Commerce Regional Workforce Advisors (RWAs) Coordinating Council for Workforce Development (CCWD) Talent Management with Existing Industry 	2) Apprenticeship Carolina/Youth Apprenticeship
3) SC Future Makers (an initiative through the SC Manufacturers Alliance)	3) On-the-Job Training (OJT) - SC Works - Vocational Rehabilitation - Department of Social Services
4) SC Department of Veterans Affairs (Transitioning Military/Veterans)	4) Incumbent Worker Training
5) SC Chamber of Commerce	5) SC Manufacturing Extension Partnership (SCMEP)
6) SC Council on Competitiveness & SC Bio	6) ManuFirstSC
	7) SC Power Team

SC Commerce Workforce Initiatives

Regional Workforce Advisors (RWAs)

• The 12 RWAs bridge gaps at the local level between educators, students and the business community to develop the necessary workforce.

Talent Management Services

• Working with existing industry to assess workforce needs and providing resources to address recruitment and retention.

Coordinating Council for Workforce Development (CCWD)



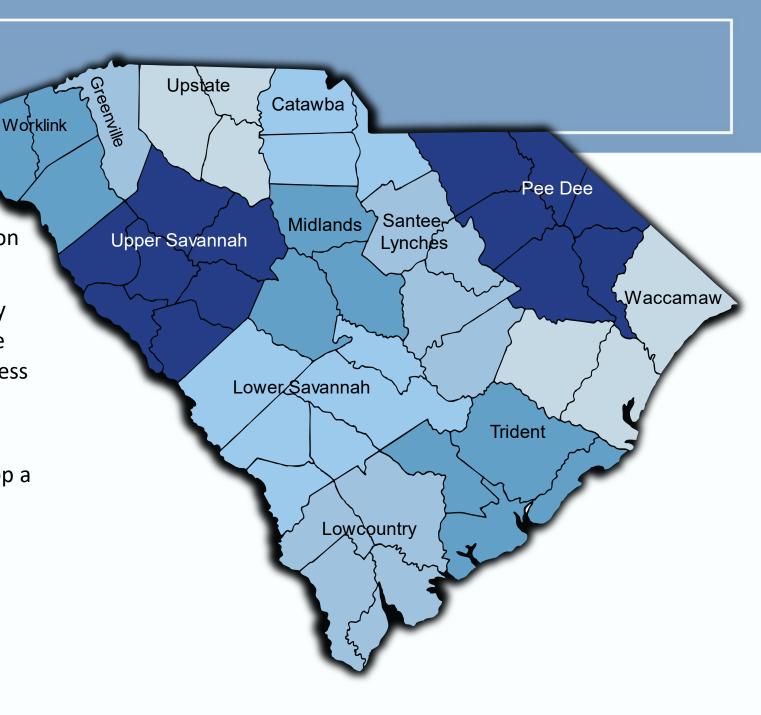
• Advocating through the work of the CCWD, including legislative engagement and interagency data sharing, in order to prepare and train workers to meet current and future workforce needs.

Regional Workforce Advisors (RWAs)

As the translators between business and education for talent development, RWA services include:

- Helping to create a workforce of the future by bridging gaps at the local level between those who educate students and those in the business community;
- Connecting students to future career
 opportunities and higher education to develop a
 workforce that will meet the needs of both
 existing and prospective industry.





Regional Workforce Advisors (RWAs)

RWAs serve their regions through a number of services:

- Career Development Facilitator training for educators and counselors
- Coordinate career fairs, business/industry showcases and tours
- Implement Educators in Industry initiatives
- STEM Educator Days
- Supporting college application days
- Boeing Days



Example of RWA Engagement: SC Boeing Days



- Boeing visits engage all members of the community to educate them about the aerospace industry,
 careers in aerospace and advanced manufacturing and Boeing's SC supplier network.
- Boeing has visited all 46 counties and started a second round of trips in 2018/2019 until COVID hit.
- Boeing has partnered with our RWAs to host virtual engagements in 2020/2021.
 These innovative efforts have reached 257,734 participants to include:
 - o educators,
 - o teachers,
 - o students,
 - parents/family members.



Regional Workforce Advisors (RWAs) Engagement

Number of educators receiving information, resources and services

2017-18 9,529

2018-19 7,303

2019-20 8,993

Number of students receiving information, resources and services

2017-18 78,350

2018-19 49,734

2019-20 62,442



Talent Management Services

OBJECTIVE: Support existing industry by identifying workforce challenges, providing resources and solutions and connecting companies with other appropriate partners in the state's workforce ecosystem as applicable.

Talent Management Services provide:

- Concierge style resource to supporting recruitment and retention for existing South Carolina industries;
- Structured problem solving methodology to drive improvements to workforce challenges;
- Utilization of collaborative efforts with SC Commerce resources and state workforce partners;
- Up-to-date, relevant knowledge of South Carolina in-demand workforce skills.



Talent Management Services: Example

TD Bank Workforce Solutions (Greenville and Lexington locations)



- Assisted the Greenville County Call Center with demographic data and identified schools with large Hispanic populations to increase the bilingual customer service workforce.
- Provided the Lexington Data Center occupational data by place of residence to better target online advertising for job positions.



 Hosted community workforce partner events at TD Bank to provide an overview of alternative talent pipelines.

Coordinating Council for Workforce Development (CCWD)

Advocate for the talent in South Carolina.

CCWD – Mission and Advocacy

- Created Strategic Partners and Business Advisory Groups to provide feedback on all Council activities and decisions.
- Established partner consensus for developing a statewide comprehensive workforce plan.
- Makes recommendations to the General Assembly concerning matters related to data sharing, a comprehensive workforce plan and coordination among workforce partners.

CCWD - Data and Initiatives

- Coordinated with CCWD member agencies to develop language for an interagency integrated data system legislation.
- Created a first-of-its kind South Carolina Workforce Dictionary documenting terminology, acronyms and other important workforce system language.
- Created Regional Workforce Snapshots to centralize education, workforce and economic development data through one published resource.



ManuFirstSC



- A public-private initiative between Volvo Cars, the South Carolina Department of Commerce,
 Trident Technical College, readySC and Berkeley County.
- The certificate's strength originates from employers accepting it in lieu of one-year of manufacturing work experience.
- Qualifying any individual with a certificate as meeting the minimum requirements to apply for employment.

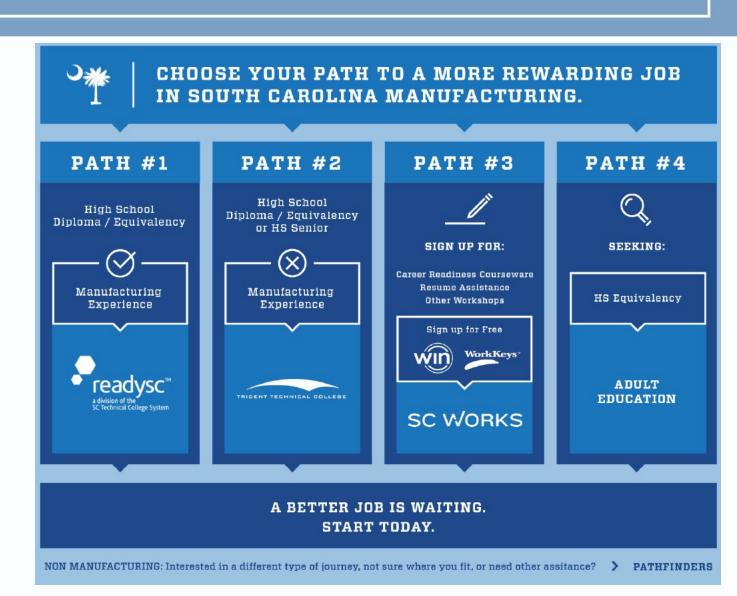


 Volvo Cars was first SC company to accept the ManuFirstSC certificate, motivating regional adoption.

ManuFirstSC

- Engaged over 2,200 citizens through community-hosted events.
- More than 1,200 certificates issued state-wide to date.
- The certificate has been adopted by Mercedes-Benz Vans, BMW suppliers and over 85 manufacturers in Dorchester County.





Service After the Sale:

Emergency Management (ESF-24)





Service After the Sale: Emergency Management

GOAL: Minimize downtime for Business & Industry in the event of a disaster.

APPROACH & KEY SUPPORT AREAS

Pre-and post-disaster SC Commerce is the coordinating agency (via ESF24) to assist companies with the following :

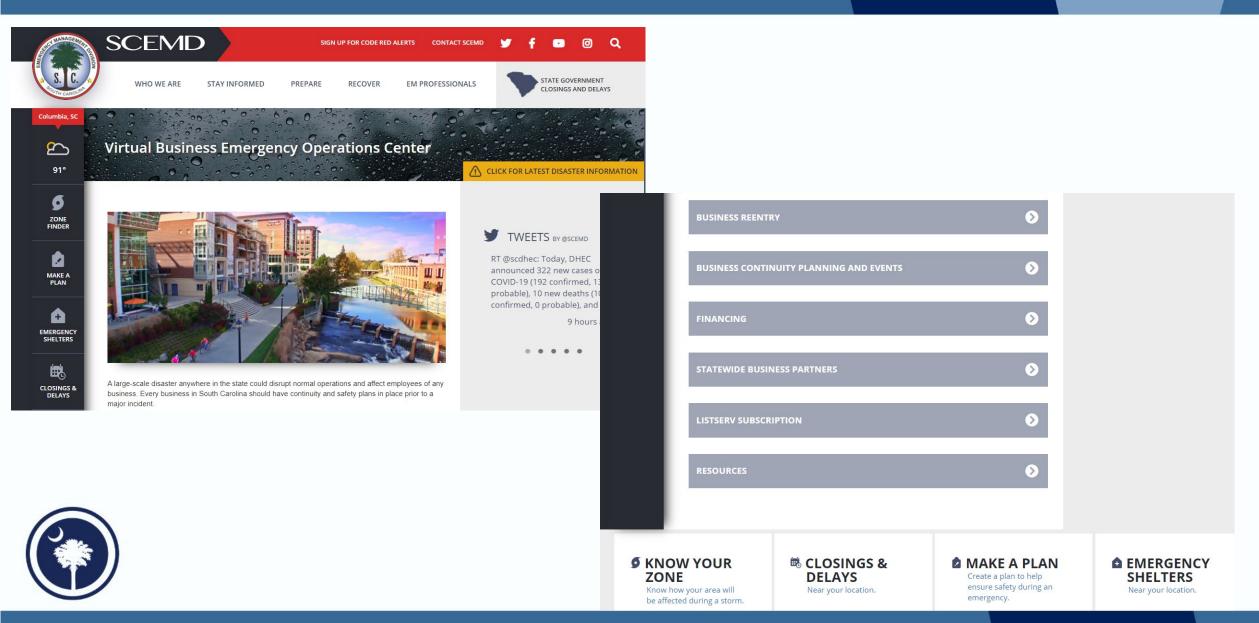
- ✓ Activation of a 24/7 ESF24 hotline for Business
 & Industry
- ✓ Business Re-entry Program
- ✓ Collection point for business operational status, damage assessment and needs
- ✓ Preparation, contingency and continuity planning for a disaster

PRIMARY PARTNERS

- ✓ SC Emergency Management
- ✓ SC Department of Administration
- ✓ SC Department of Agriculture
- ✓ SC Department of Employment and Workforce
- ✓ SC Department of Insurance
- ✓ SC Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism
- ✓ SC Insurance Association
- ✓ SC Manufacturing Alliance (SCMA)
- ✓ SC Office of the Commissioner of Banking
- ✓ SC Retail Association
- ✓ SC Business Development Centers (SBDC)
- ✓ SC Chamber of Commerce
- ✓ Clemson-University Livestock-Poultry Health (CULPH)



Service After the Sale: Emergency Management



Service After the Sale: COVID-19 Business Support

Timeframe: March 2020-March 2021





Business Impact Survey Summary



Measuring the impact of in-house programmatic services to SC businesses



Companies, within a selected time period, who received direct assistance from the Existing Industry, Small Business, Supplier Outreach & Recycling Programs were contacted.

2020 survey was not issued due to COVID-19



Data is used internally to re-evaluate program offerings and shared with agency/industry partners.



2019 Business Impact Survey

83 company responses 30% response rate

Timeframe: July 1st-Oct. 31st 2019 contacts

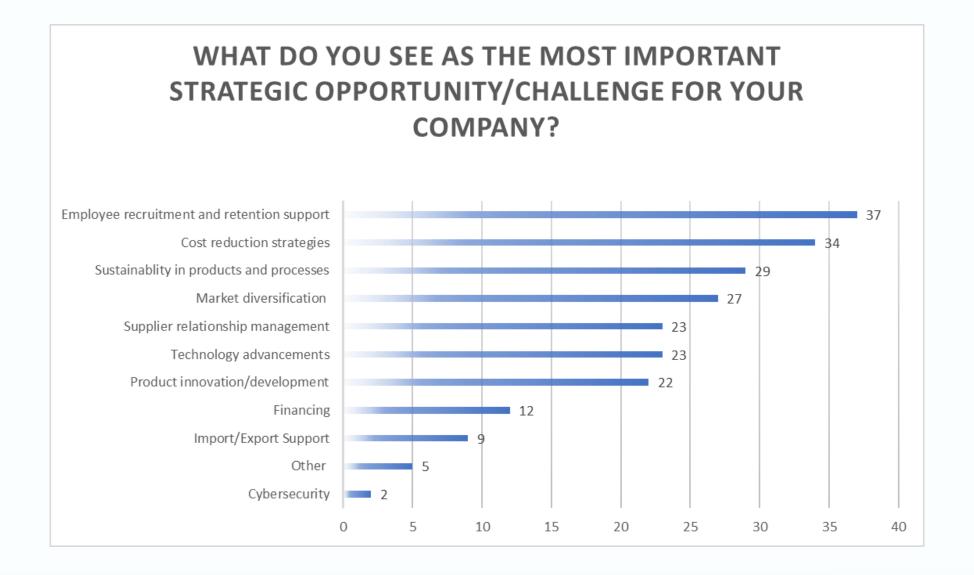
(Survey conducted December 2019)

Breakdown of respondents:

Manufacturers-42%
Small Businesses-28%
Recycling-15%
Identified as other-15%

DIRECT IMPACT TO YOUR COMPANY AS A RESULT OF DOC PROGRAM RESOURCE CONNECTIONS







2021 Business Impact Survey

107 company responses 5% response rate

Timeframe: April 1st - December 31st 2020 contacts

(Survey conducted March 2021)

Breakdown of respondents:

Manufacturers-47%
Small Businesses-38%
Recycling-8%
Identified as other-5%

PROGRAM RESOURCE CONNECTIONS

