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Subject: Re: Important Announcement from your Chamber President

Happy to discuss. Just let me know what may work for you.

The ACT process is to send the paperwork to SC when common criteria is met which we did for McCormick, Laurens and Clarendon. However, we only received one returned form indicating Clarendon was certified. Hence, we only 'lit up' Clarendon to show them as certified. We did not send any info out directly to any of the three SC counties at 100%.

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On Aug 28, 2013, at 1:41 PM, "Kovacs, Elisabeth" <EKovacs@dew.sc.gov> wrote:

Can we discuss the below? I didn't know anything was sent out to the County. Was something sent to Clarendon and McCormick? This really confuses the initiative and is misleading as they are not a SCWRC.

EK

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Important Announcement from your Chamber President

From: Laurens County Chamber of Commerce <amunyan@laurenscounty.org>

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Good morning fellow Chamber Members,

I am excited to inform you that Laurens County is now certified as a Work Ready Community. Much like being named the 2011 SCDOT State Group of the Year for our Beautify Laurens County efforts, this is another prime example of the progress your committee work is making to create tangible positive results for our community.

The Workforce Development Committee is a joint effort of the LCCC and the Laurens County Development Corporation and is under the leadership of Dr. Cynthia Pitts. We are extremely excited about Laurens County being certified as a Work Ready Community, only one of 3 counties in South Carolina. This is a result of the countywide collaboration of our members, Workforce Development Committee and its partners. The committee has focused on 5 areas of importance in order to identify, educate and train our citizens for the job demands of our existing industries and new companies such as ZF Transmissions and others. The committee is comprised of key industry leaders, school district leadership, Piedmont Technical College, Adult Education, SC Works and Upper Savannah Workforce Division along with other stakeholders. We applaud their teamwork in achieving this certification. Being a Work Ready

Community will be a calling card to future employers, emphasizing Laurens County is committed to generating a trained workforce and providing our citizens the tools they need to acquire quality jobs. To learn more about the Work Ready Communities program please visit

<http://www.workreadycommunities.org/SC/059>

Click on the link below and the attached article for further information specific to Laurens County on this huge step in helping to move us forward!

http://www.golaurens.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=15253:laurens-county-attains-full-work-ready-status-from-act&catid=68:both-news&Itemid=128

Together We Can...And Will!

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