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Alfmeier Friedrichs & Rath LLC Expanding Operations In Greenville County *Manufacturer Investing \$5.8 Million And Creating 50 New Jobs*

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Alfmeier Friedrichs & Rath (AFR), a manufacturer of automotive components, is expanding its Greenville County operations. The expansion is expected to bring \$5.8 million of new capital investment and create approximately 50 new jobs.

Established in 1993, AFR is a developer and manufacturer of automotive components with a concentration on fuel management, vacuum support and seating comfort solutions. Featuring in-house plastic injection molding and custom assembly and test systems, the company employs more than 500 employees and utilizes 32 injection molding machines across three locations.

Located at 120 Elcon Drive in Greenville, S.C., the company will be expanding their factory floor by 20,000 square feet and their office facility by approximately 10,000 square feet. The expansion is projected to be complete by the second quarter of 2017, and hiring for the new positions is ongoing--with an increase scheduled to begin in the first quarter of 2017. Those interested in joining the AFR team should visit the company's [career page online](#).

The Coordinating Council for Economic Development has approved a \$250,000 Set-Aside grant to Greenville County to assist with the costs of site improvements.

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"AFR is pleased to be expanding operations in Greenville to accommodate our increasing business. Our success is a direct result of the dedication and hard work of all of our associates, particularly those on the factory floor who strive to do things a little better each day. We are proud to be part of a community and state that recognizes and supports the benefits of manufacturing and look forward to continued future growth." –AFR President Markus Farrenkopf

"It's always exciting when we are able to celebrate the success of a South Carolina company and its decision to expand here. The 50 new jobs that this \$5.8 million investment means for Greenville County will really make a difference in the lives of South Carolinians, and that's a reason to celebrate throughout the entire state." –Gov. Nikki Haley

"South Carolina is known as a place that makes things, and makes them well. To have companies, like AFR, continue to grow and expand here further demonstrates that South Carolina is 'Just right' for manufacturing." –Secretary of Commerce Bobby Hitt

"Alfmeier Friedrichs & Rath's expansion in Greenville exemplifies what we've always known to be true, that we have a talented, educated and diverse workforce here that's perfect for our international companies. We're grateful for AFR's investment and continued support to Greenville County." –Greenville County Council Chairman Dr. Bob Taylor

FIVE FAST FACTS

- Alfmeier Friedrichs & Raths LLC is expanding existing operations in Greenville County.
- \$5.8 million investment to create 50 new jobs.
- AFR is a developer and manufacturer of automotive components using in-house plastic injection molding technology.
- Located at 120 Elcon Drive in Greenville, S.C., the company's expansion should be complete during the second quarter of 2017.
- Those interested in joining the AFR team should visit the company's [career page online](#).

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