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Fraenkische Industrial Pipes expanding operations in Anderson County

***\$5 million investment expected
to create 50 new jobs***

This month, Clarendon County helped boost South Carolina's reputation as a state that is open for business and ready to work. The county is now a Certified Work Ready Community, making it the first in the state to earn this designation, and the second in the United States.

While Clarendon is the first county to meet the Work Ready program's state and national qualifications, it certainly won't be the last. All of South Carolina's 46 counties have been designated as Work Ready Communities in progress by the national initiative, led by the testing organization, ACT.

Out of eight participating states, South Carolina has been leading the pack – exceeding goals to create a workforce with the necessary skills to ensure our state remains globally competitive. South Carolina's successful participation in this effort sends a message, nationally and internationally, that we are committed to having the best business environment possible, and we stand ready to work.

- Secretary Bobby Hitt

Fraenkische Industrial Pipes is expanding its existing operations and North American headquarters in Anderson County. The \$5 million investment is expected to generate 50 new jobs over the next few years.

"More and more companies from around the globe are learning that South Carolina understands what businesses need in order to do well. Fraenkische Industrial Pipes understands that and the company's expansion is a testament to the success companies can find here in the Palmetto State. We celebrate the company's decision to invest \$5 million and create 50 new jobs in Anderson," said Gov. Nikki Haley.

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***More than \$1 million investment
expected to create 47 new jobs***

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DUER High Performance
Composites, a maker of
composite components, is
locating its new production
facility in Beaufort County. The

more than \$1 million investment is expected to generate 47 new jobs. The company began operations in the new facility earlier this month.

"South Carolina continues to see its manufacturing renaissance grow with announcements like this one from DUER High Performance Composites. Every one of these new jobs will have an impact in Beaufort County and the Lowcountry," said Secretary of Commerce Bobby Hitt.

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Clarendon County certified as a Work Ready Community 1st in South Carolina, 2nd in the United States

Clarendon County has earned the Certified Work Ready Community designation through the ACT and South Carolina Work Ready Communities (SCWRC) initiative. Clarendon is the first county in South Carolina and the second in the United States to become a Certified Work Ready Community.

The initiative is a national effort, led by ACT, to provide a framework for states to strengthen economic development using a community-based approach grounded in certifying counties as "work ready." To earn a Certified Work Ready Community designation, counties have to reach goals in earning National Career Readiness Certificates, meet or exceed the three year graduation rate average or improvement percentage, and engage business support. For additional information, please visit www.scworkready.org.

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