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New industry bringing in jobs

Advanced Manufacturing & Power Systems, Inc. (AMPS), a firm that specializes in the manufacturing of high-quality generator enclosures, is establishing its first South Carolina operations in Abbeville County.

The company is investing \$2.3 million in the project, creating 48 new jobs in Abbeville, S.C. over the next five years, according to a recent release from the South Carolina Department of Commerce.

SC Gov. Nikki Haley praised the announcement, stating, "Any day that we're able to announce new jobs in one of our rural counties is a great day in South Carolina. Companies from around the world are hearing about our workforce and our business-friendly environment, and they know they can succeed in every part of our state.

"The 48 new jobs Advanced Manufacturing & Power Systems is bringing to Abbeville County really will make a difference in that community."

"The collaboration between the South Carolina Department of Commerce and the economic development group of Abbeville County has been exemplary. We look forward to opening our new facility in Abbeville and bringing new jobs and growth to the area.," said Advanced Manufacturing & Power Systems, Inc. President Joseph Scofield.

Established in 1999 and headquartered in DeLand, FL, AMPS is a specialty severe power systems integrator, servicing the power generation industry. The company was the first, and is still only one of two, State of Florida-certified, high velocity hurricane zone (HVHZ)-rated manufacturers. The firm is owned by Pacific International, LLC, an affiliate of the Triple Five Group, which also owns and operates The Mall of America.

In an effort to better serve its growing customer-base, AMPS has decided to establish its first South Carolina operations in Abbeville County.

To house the new facility, the company is leasing space inside the Abbeville County Business Incubator at Lakelands Commerce Center, which is situated off of S.C. Highway 72 in Abbeville. The plant is expected to be fully operational by January 2016. Those interested in joining the AMPS team should visit the company's employment page online. "Working with the AMPS leadership team has shown us that their company's culture will be an excellent fit for Abbeville County. We are honored to be their new manufacturing home in South Carolina and look forward to working with them closely over the coming years to help their business flourish," said Abbeville County Council Chairman Bryan McClain.

The Coordinating Council for Economic Development has approved job development credits related to the project.

For more information on Advanced Manufacturing & Power Systems, Inc., visit www.amps.cc.