

Region News

Louis Hornick & Company To Manufacture in Allendale

125 New Jobs and \$2.5 Million Investment in Fairfax

Louis Hornick and Company, a leading manufacturer and importer of window coverings and home textiles, has announced plans to establish its new manufacturing facility in Allendale County. The \$2.5 million investment is expected to generate 125 new jobs over the next three years.

The announcement was made on October 31st at the SelectUSA Investment Summit in Washington, DC.

“Every aspect of this venture is geared toward offering the most options to our retail partners and manufacturing the highest quality products the American consumer demands and deserves. We aren’t just building a facility - we are moving to South Carolina. The fact that three Manhattan residents are doing so is testament to our dedication, but, equally, reflects on the wonderful people in the great state of South Carolina,” said Louis “Tripp” Hornick III, chief operating officer of Louis Hornick and Company. “We appreciate the exceptional support we’ve received from state and local officials.”

Louis Hornick and Company will establish its new manufacturing facility in an existing 101,300-square-foot building, located on 28 acres in Allendale.

“It’s exciting to see a leading manufacturer, like Louis Hornick and Company, choose South Carolina as the location for its new operations. We celebrate the company’s decision to invest \$2.5 million and create 125 new jobs in Allendale County,” said Gov. Nikki Haley.

The window covering manufacturer has specialized in producing curtains and draperies for 96 years. In South Carolina, Louis Hornick will be manufacturing in a highly



COO Louis Hornick III and Louis Hornick II, Chairman and CEO

automated cut, sew and packaging process, notably used in its production of the Firefend™ brand of flame retardant window treatments. A diverse collection of window covering fabrics will be manufactured at the Allendale facility and will be supplied for all markets, including: dotcom, institutional, hospitality and commercial. The new plant will also be a supplier to Walmart stores.

“As a 40-year supplier to Walmart, we thank them for taking the lead on supporting U.S. manufacturing, and we could not be more pleased to continue to work together,” said Louis Hornick II, chairman and CEO of Louis Hornick and Company. “This is a great day for Hornick, South Carolina and America.”

“Louis Hornick’s decision to open a factory in South Carolina

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Auto Remanufacturer to Locate in Jasper County



New River Auto Mall’s President and CEO Warner Peacock has announced that he will create 25 new jobs and invest more than \$4 million in Jasper County with the development of the New River Auto Mall Remanufacturing Center, a state-of-the-art facility utilizing a high-tech aluminum remanufacturing process and providing remanufacturing, reconditioning and new vehicle pre-delivery inspection operations.

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shows that revitalization of U.S. manufacturing is possible,” said Michelle Gloeckler, senior vice president of Home at Walmart. “This is a great illustration of what can be accomplished when business leaders, government officials and companies work together. We’re pleased that our recent U.S. manufacturing summit helped accelerate discussions, and we’re excited those efforts will contribute to good-paying middle-class jobs.”

“We are proud to welcome Louis Hornick and Company, another great American manufacturer, to our regional industrial community,” said Southern Carolina Alliance Chairman Johnny Williamson. “Louis and his family have been manufacturing textiles for four generations, and their company is a great example of American ingenuity and innovation. We are pleased that this great American story will soon be a South Carolina story as well.”

Louis Hornick and Company began the process of selecting their new manufacturing site in South Carolina when representatives of Southern Carolina Alliance’s marketing team met with company leaders on an industrial recruiting mission in the Northeast last March.

“Allendale County would like to thank Louis Hornick and Company for investing in our people and our community. Every job created affects a family, and that’s how we will improve the quality of life for our residents,” said Allendale County Council Chairman Carl Gooding. “We would like to thank Governor Haley and her staff for her personal attention to this project, as well as the S.C. Department of Commerce, who did an outstanding job in making this announcement a reality.”

“Companies want to go where they will be successful. Louis Hornick and Company’s decision to start new operations here in South Carolina is a testament to our state’s pro-business climate and thriving manufacturing industry. We appreciate the company’s commitment to invest in our state. Every one of these new jobs will have an impact in Allendale County and beyond,” said Secretary of Commerce Bobby Hitt.

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About Louis Hornick & Company

Founded in New York in 1918, Louis Hornick and Company is a four-generation manufacturer of superior quality curtains and draperies for the mass market. For nearly a century, Louis Hornick and Company has provided its customers with unique and differentiated decorating solutions for the window by leveraging its domestic production and fulfillment capabilities as exemplified by its motto: Value = Fashion + Quality + Price. Louis and Hornick and Company remains committed to Manufacturing in the USA.

For more information about Louis Hornick and Company visit: www.louishornick.com.

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NCCER Welders Complete Advanced Manufacturing Skills Training Program



Front row, L-R: Brooks Scott III, Dustin Brock, Kieran Raysor, Wynton Gray, Corey Sherman, Charles Sanders, Dashawn Salley, James Blume. Back row, L-R: Andre Jones, Adam Wright, Jason Shumpert, Hunter Still, Justin Robertson, Chastity Meyer, Fredrick Washington, Austin Heath, Daquan Jenkins, Quillie Ferguson, Bobby Harley. Not pictured is Alex Still. Also pictured are Lisa Burdette, Erin Williams, Eddie Jackson, Jeanette McFaddin and Caroline Clifton of the Advanced Manufacturing Skills Training Program.

SouthernCarolina Regional Development Alliance (SCA) has announced that the first 20 participants in SCA's Advanced Manufacturing Skills Training Program have been certified and are now moving on to highly paid jobs in the region.

SouthernCarolina Alliance and the South Carolina Manufacturing Extension Partnership (SCMEP), the non-profit organization contracted by SCA to manage the training program, held a graduation ceremony on Thursday, November 14, at the Advanced Manufacturing Skills Training Program center in Allendale to recognize the 20 newly NCCER-certified welders.

The welders, who live in the SouthernCarolina Alliance region of Allendale, Barnwell, Bamberg, Jasper, Hampton and Colleton Counties, completed 14 weeks of full-time NCCER Advanced Structural Welding Technology training. The graduation was attended by friends and family of the students, along with representatives from SouthernCarolina Alliance, the South Carolina Manufacturing Extension Partnership, and local county officials.

John Irion, President and CEO of the South Carolina Manufacturing Extension Partnership, served as the guest speaker, congratulating the participants on their accomplishments.

Eddie Jackson, Director of the Advanced Manufacturing Skills Training Program, led the ceremonies and expressed his enthusiasm for the training program and the potential it has to help the residents and industries in the region.

According to SouthernCarolina Alliance President and CEO Danny Black, "SouthernCarolina Alliance initiated this program to help connect our unemployed and underemployed citizens with good jobs, while providing highly skilled workers who have the skill sets that our local industries need. Advanced structural welders and nuclear welders were at the top of that list."

"When we came here a lot of us knew nothing [about welding] and we are leaving with people asking us to come in and take a test so they can hire us," said Chastity Meyer, a newly certified

welder who completed the program.

Of the 20 certified welders, four have already been offered full-time positions at Tico Manufacturing in Ridgeland, SC; one at East Coast Millwright in Allendale; and one with Piedmont Rigging in Washington, DC. Four of the certified welders will continue on to the 10-week NCCER Advanced Nuclear Welding Technology Program to seek welding jobs in the nuclear field.

The other welders are now taking welding tests and submitting applications and resumes to local industries interested in hiring welders, as well as major manufacturers in Charleston, SC, and Jacksonville, FL. The majority of these positions will start at \$15 - \$20 per hour.

"We are very proud of the success of these individuals," said Johnny Williamson, Chairman of SouthernCarolina Alliance. "The Advanced Manufacturing Skills Training Program is a great asset to this region of South Carolina. With it we can provide specific and advanced training to offer our industries the workforce they need."

New trainees started class on Monday, November 18, at the AMSTP center in Allendale.

The program offers full-time, hands-on experience that prepares the trainees to go directly into the workforce. It is partially funded by the Rural Jobs and Innovation Accelerator Challenge through SouthernCarolina Alliance, which was named as one of 13 Challenge Winners in the country for their innovative program to create efficient and effective workforce training tailored specifically for advanced manufacturing in the region. The program was made possible by funding through the USDA and EDA.

For more information on the training program, visit the website: www.scweldingjobs.com. For more information on SCA, visit: www.southerncarolina.org, and for more information on SCMEP, visit: www.scmeep.org.

Colleton County Manufacturer Celebrates 75 Years



FloraLife, a manufacturer of post-harvest flower care and floral design products, celebrated the company's 75th anniversary this year.

Located in Walterboro, FloraLife first established a regional distribution center and manufacturing plant at Thunderbolt Drive in 1991, adding a 30,000 SF addition to the facility in 1998. In 1999, the company chose to move its corporate headquarters to the Walterboro facility as well.

Walterboro was originally chosen because of its proximity to the Eastern Seaboard, which would allow the company to promote expansion to overseas markets; today the facility in Walterboro houses FloraLife's main research and technology laboratories, manufacturing, logistics, sales and marketing. It is the largest commercial research and development lab for cut flowers in the U.S., with additional facilities in Miami, FL and Kent, OH, and facilities in China, Columbia, England, Holland, Kenya and South Korea.

FloraLife also maintains a team of Ph.D. scientists, research specialists, manufacturing facilities and sales personnel strategically located in major flower markets and flower growing areas around the world.

"We have always strived for that leadership position in this industry," said Jim Daley, FloraLife Vice President. "We realize we have a stake in every aspect of the flower chain, from harvest to home, post-harvest care to design and decoration. We're problem solvers, doing our best to advance the ultimate goal – fresher, longer-lasting flowers and absolute consumer satisfaction."



The company was established in 1938 in Chicago, introducing the first cut flower food to the floral market. Today the company provides flower care and floral design products to customers worldwide. What started in a small lab is now a global enterprise with operations in 20 countries and a range of products from grower to consumer.

FloraLife is very well known in the floral industry because the company's products touch virtually every flower at some point of the flower chain. Flower food has become universal, and FloraLife today holds about 80 percent of the U.S. market and 25 percent of the market in Europe, officials estimate.

In the North American market FloraLife is the number one supplier of post-harvest care and handling products. According to FloraLife Vice President Jim Daley, the three key precepts for FloraLife are "follow the flowers, surround yourself with good people, and innovate."

For more information on FloraLife visit: www.floralife.com.



Business Leaders Honored During SouthernCarolina Alliance's Regional Industry Appreciation Season

"Our existing industries not only provide jobs, they fund county services and schools," said SouthernCarolina Alliance Chairman Johnny Williamson, announcing that the regional economic development organization's Annual Industry Appreciation Celebration will encompass a series of marketing activities to drive home this message throughout the fourth quarter of this year and the first quarter of 2014.

"Spreading the message that industries are the backbone of the local economy and creating business opportunities for service providers and retail operations is our primary objective through the annual Industry Appreciation campaign."

Providing marketing and recruitment services for Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Colleton, Hampton and Jasper Counties, SouthernCarolina Alliance launched this year's regional program with a full day of networking events for industry leaders on October 10th. The campaign concludes after statewide recognition of industry and S.C.'s Economic Ambassadors at a ceremony with the Governor and the S.C. Legislature in the spring.

SCA and the economic development commissions of the six counties sponsored several sporting events on October 10th, followed by a reception for more than 250 business and industry leaders.

"The events provided a great opportunity for the plant managers and local industry leaders to network beyond county lines," said Williamson, "which is key to strengthening our ideals of regional cooperation and trust. During the annual sporting events, we do that through good-natured competition and camaraderie."

A record number of participants turned out for the events, which included a captain's choice golf tournament at Sweetwater Country Club in Barnwell and a marksmanship sporting event hosted by GTI.

"SouthernCarolina Alliance's Industry Appreciation marketing campaign will be focused on the contributions by existing industry to the community. The message, 'Find Your Dream Job Here. Thank Our Industries,' will be featured on billboards, radio and newspaper ads, and industrial park signs over the next few months," said SCA Vice President Kay Maxwell.

The billboards are part of a broader marketing campaign to promote careers in manufacturing and the role that industries play in the quality of life in the region.

For more information on the region's industries or the Regional Industry Appreciation Celebration, visit the website: www.SouthernCarolina.org or on facebook at www.facebook.com/SouthernCarolina Alliance.



Jesse Terrapin of Unitech Services Group in Barnwell tees off on the #15 hole at Sweetwater Country Club.



John Fleming, an engineer with Hussey, Gay, Bell & DeYoung, and Jessica McTeer received a marksmanship lesson from Chadd Harbaugh, President of Government Training Institute.



Guests enjoyed a reception and awards ceremony after the day's golf and marksmanship events.



First Place Golf Team

Gerald Moore, Moore Industrial Services LLC; Morgan Baxley, Moore Industrial Services LLC; Don Houck, Southern Pines Plantations; and Jim Windham, Southern Pines Plantations



Second Place Golf Team

Ronny Maxwell, SCB&T; Will Lemon, Enterprise Bank; Jeremy Ware, Walterboro-Colleton Chamber of Commerce; and Brad Griffin, Colleton Medical Center (not pictured)



Third Place Golf Team

Jesse Reeves, Atlantic Broadband; Lance Stanford, Atlantic Broadband; Joey Ulmer, Farm Bureau Insurance; and Larry Zeigler, Zeigler's Chevrolet (not pictured)



Closest To The Pin #14
John Bozzarello
SRNS



Closest To The Pin #3:
Jimmy Baker
Palmetto Electric Cooperative



Closest To The Pin #10
Jeff Derr
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Closest To The Pin #6
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SC Department of Commerce



First Place Team in Marksmanship Event

Scott Neely, SCANA Corporation; Kell Anderson, SCA; Don Smoak, SCE&G (not pictured) and Everett Livingston, SCE&G (not pictured)



First Place Individual in Marksmanship Event
Don Smoak, SCE&G



Second Place Individual in Marksmanship Event
James Hugh Barringer
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Clariant Now Has New Name and Ownership

The Clariant textile plant in Martin, Allendale County, now has a new name and ownership.

SK Capital Partners, a U.S. based investment firm focused on specialty materials, chemical and healthcare sectors, purchased Clariant on October 1 and re-branded the company as Archroma.

The company will continue to manufacture specialized performance and color solutions to the textile, paper, adhesives, coating and construction industries.

For more information on Archroma visit: www.textiles.archroma.com.



EDF Renewable Energy and Santee Cooper Dedicate the Pinelands Biomass Project



On November 21, EDF Renewable Energy and Santee Cooper dedicated the Pinelands Biomass project, which consists of two nominal 17.8 megawatt (MW) generating facilities located in Allendale and Dorchester Counties in South Carolina. The Dorchester facility achieved

commercial operation on November 1; Allendale followed on November 19.

The two projects interconnect to Santee Cooper's transmission system adjacent to the sites with the generated renewable energy contracted to the utility under 30-year power purchase agreements.

Allendale and Dorchester Counties enjoy a substantial and reliable wood supply. The woody biomass facilities, with a consistent and sustainable wood demand, will bring significant economic benefits to both counties by contracting with the existing trucking and wood supply industry. Additionally, the two facilities have created over 250 construction jobs and 38 full-time positions.

The projects use a well proven biomass design with a stoker boiler, supplied by Factory Sales Engineering (FSE) and a steam turbine generator supplied by General Electric (GE). Bibb Engineers is the engineer of record and Summit Industrial Construction is the general contractor. EDF Renewable Services will provide long-term operations and maintenance.

For more information on EDF Renewable Energy visit: www.edf-re.com.

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Opening in January 2014 at 1667 N. Okatie Highway in Ridgeland, South Carolina, the facility will serve as the first provider of this new technology in a large geographic area, including the S.C. Lowcountry and coastal Georgia.

"We're thrilled to be expanding the New River Auto Mall again with the development of this new facility," said Mr. Peacock. "We're excited for the expansion, and we're glad to bring even more jobs to this region."

The remanufacturing center will be developed at an existing 15-acre industrial site with a 35,000 SF industrial building. Annual payroll for the project is expected to exceed \$1.7 million.

"Warner Peacock and his team are to be commended for their innovation and success," said Jasper County Council Chairman Henry Etheridge. "New River Auto Mall has been an important part of our business community for years, and the people of Jasper County appreciate that Mr. Peacock has chosen to once again invest in our county."

According to Jasper County Chamber of Commerce Chairman Marty Sauls, the remanufacturing center will benefit the area beyond the initial jobs created.

"This project involves job creation, renovation of an existing industrial building, additional capital investment and new revenue in the county, and indirect jobs and revenue for those involved in the retail and service operations in the surrounding area," said Sauls, who also serves on Jasper County Council. "In short, the remanufacturing center is an important economic development engine in improving quality of life and in stimulating our local economy."

The New River Auto Mall Remanufacturing Center will offer an extensive menu of services in an environment that meets

and, in some instances, exceeds industry standards.

"We believe that the state-of-the-art remanufacturing process offered by the New River Auto Mall Manufacturing Center will not only better serve the people of Jasper and surrounding counties, it will attract consumers from a large geographic area," said Phil Richardson, SouthernCarolina Alliance's Economic Development Director in Jasper County. "I believe the proximity to I-95 played a role in Mr. Peacock's choice of this Jasper County location, which will also provide easy access to attract consumers from South Carolina, Georgia and beyond. It's also a testament to the talent of the workforce here in Jasper County."

Richardson added that all of the leading economic development allies in the region fully support the expansion of New River Auto Mall, including Jasper County Council, Palmetto Electric Cooperative, SouthernCarolina Regional Development Alliance, and the Lowcountry Workforce Investment Board.

"This announcement is more than an expansion for New River Auto Mall," said Jasper County Council Vice-Chairwoman Barbara B. Clark, "it brings new technology and manufacturing to Jasper County. More importantly, 25 new jobs will directly affect the lives of 25 families in our area. That's why economic growth is critical to our future."

The New River Auto Mall is a group of 12 dealerships featuring 16 franchises, including Audi, Chrysler, Dodge, Hyundai, Infiniti, Jeep, Jaguar, Land Rover, Mazda, Mitsubishi, Nissan, Porsche, Ram, Subaru, and Volkswagen. The New River Auto Mall is located on Highway 278, 5 miles east of I-95 at exit 8. For more information, visit the website: www.newriverautomall.com.

For more information on Jasper County and SouthernCarolina Alliance, visit the website: www.southerncarolina.org

Dayco Products, LLC's Walterboro Facility Celebrates 40 Years



Dayco Products, LLC celebrated 40 years of operation at its Walterboro, South Carolina manufacturing facility this year.

“The Walterboro facility has seen many ups and downs and many different management teams over the past 40 years. The one constant has been our associates that take the changes in stride and maintain the tremendous pride in the product we manufacture for our customers,” said Tom Green, Director of North American Operations, Flexible Components for Dayco.

The Walterboro plant opened in 1973 and is home to more than 130 employees that produce v-belts and serpentine belts for both the original equipment industry and the automotive after-market, as well as performance belts for the ATV and snowmobile market.

Dayco Products, LLC is a leader in research and design, manufacturing and distribution of a broad range of belts, hose, tensioners and pulleys for the automotive, trucking, construction, agricultural, ATV, snowmobile and industrial markets. The company has another manufacturing facility in the SCA region in Williston, where 309 are employed.

Dayco has been in business for over 100 years, and has become a technology-driven organization and an industry leader, credited with the most innovative advancement in serpentine belt design in over 25 years, the Dayco Poly Rib “W” Profile serpentine belt.

For more information on Dayco, visit the website: www.dayco.com

MeadWestvaco Adds Finishing Touches to the Southern Carolina Industrial Campus in Hampton County



MeadWestvaco has begun installation of the entrance landscaping and a sleek stone entrance sign at the Southern Carolina Industrial Campus in Early Branch in Hampton County.

The 1,380-acre industrial park is located on US Highway 68, just a five-minute drive from I-95 at Exit 38.

The entrance sign and landscaping complement the park entrance, which is located directly across the street from LeCreuset's North and South American distribution center at the Lowcountry Industrial Park.

MeadWestvaco has partnered with SouthernCarolina Alliance and Hampton County to market and develop the property where a 50,000 SF industrial shell building, owned by Hampton County, has been constructed to help seed the park's development. The shell building is expandable to 200,000 SF and features 42 FT high ceilings for manufacturing and distribution.

The park has been heavily marketed by SouthernCarolina Alliance, Hampton County and MeadWestvaco as a prime industrial park offering easy access to US markets via I-95, as well as close proximity to the Ports of Charleston and Savannah for international markets.

The park also features rail on site, and the newly constructed spec building has brought numerous prospects into the region from all over the U.S., as well as Europe, India and China.

For more information on the Southern Carolina Industrial Campus, visit our website: www.southerncarolina.org. For more information on MeadWestvaco, visit the website: www.MeadWestvaco.com



Johnny Williamson, Chairman



Johnny Williamson, a lifelong resident of Bamberg County, is a successful entrepreneur and businessman with diverse interests. President of Williamson Ginnery in Denmark, he also serves as Board Chairman of the Jackson Companies, which includes an ocean front campground, golfing community and other developments.

Williamson has been instrumental in building Southern Carolina Alliance, volunteering his time to meet with industrial prospects both domestically and abroad in recruitment efforts, and he has played a critical role in creating the historic multi-county revenue sharing agreement among the member counties. His efforts were vital in the recruitment of more than a dozen projects,

including Kronotex and Grant Forest Products.

In addition to his service as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Southern Carolina Alliance, Mr. Williamson is a Past Chairman of the Palmetto AgriBusiness Council, a former member of the Executive Committee of the S.C. Transportation and Policy Council, and currently serves as a Corporate Board Member of SCBT's parent company, First Financial Corporation, where he also serves on the Executive Committee and as Chairman of the Wealth Management Trust Committee.

A true proponent of capitalism and economic development, Johnny Williamson is also an avid outdoorsman who has pursued wild game around the world. His ability to trap alligators for wildlife management has earned him widespread media attention and the nickname, "Alligator Johnny."

Mr. Williamson and his wife, Kaki, have two children and reside on the banks on the Edisto River just outside of Denmark, SC.

Charles "Buddy" Phillips, First Vice Chairman



Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips has been a member of the Southern Carolina Alliance Board of Directors since 2012 and currently serves as First Vice Chairman.

Elected in 2006, Mr. Phillips serves on Hampton County Council as Vice Chairman and is the Council's Representative on the Lowcountry Council of

Governments (LCOG) Board.

Working with the University of South Carolina Salkehatchie in Allendale and Walterboro, he presently serves as Interim Director of Undergraduate Education.

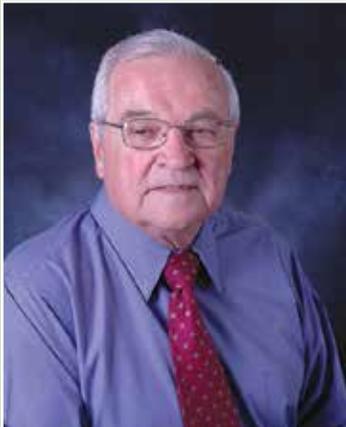
Before beginning his career in education, Buddy worked for Pan American Airlines on San Salvador in the British West Indies

on the 1960 – 1961 NASA Project. In his career as an educator, Mr. Phillips taught in Duval County Schools in Jacksonville, Florida before teaching in Jasper County Schools in South Carolina. He then served as the principal of Fennell Elementary School in Yemassee, S. C., and later as headmaster of Patrick Henry Academy in Hampton County. Mr. Phillips is well known in the Lowcountry as the former Superintendent for Hampton School District One, where he led education efforts until his retirement in 2003.

Mr. Phillips was the Mayor of Hampton from 1976 to 1979 and in 1989 was appointed to State Board of Education, where he was elected chairman in 1991. In 2003, he was honored as South Carolina's State Superintendent of the Year.

He is married to Joanne Knopf Phillips, who is an artist and cosmetologist. They currently reside in Estill and have two daughters and three grandchildren.

Lowell Jowers, Second Vice Chairman



Charles Lowell Jowers, Sr., has been a member of the Board of Directors for Southern Carolina Alliance since 2009 and currently serves as the Second Vice Chairman. He is also a Barnwell County Councilman representing District #4.

A former member of the Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers, Mr.

Jowers had a 41-year career in motion pictures and video. He began working for the Dupont Company at SRS in 1955, then worked for RCA Service Company and Technicolor in Cocoa, FL from 1957 until 1971. At that time, Mr. Jowers was named General Manager of the Technicolor Motion Picture Laboratory in

Chicago, IL. He then held positions with several major companies, including: Laboratory Manager of Cinegraphics, a Division of Maritz, Inc. in St. Louis, MO; Laboratory Manager of Film Lab Services in Cleveland, OH; Vice President of Maritz Laboratories in St. Louis, MO and Minneapolis, MN; Laboratory Manager for Allied Film and Video facility in Detroit, MI; Laboratory Manager of WRS Motion Picture and Video Laboratory in Pittsburg, PA; Vice President of Aiken Tire Company in Meridian, MS; and Project Manager for Bionetics Corporation on Range Visual Information Technical Services at Kennedy Space Center, FL.

A native of Blackville, SC, Mr. Jowers is a 1954 graduate of Blackville High School and attended Brevard Junior College in Cocoa, FL; the Wharton School of Business in Wharton, PA; and the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, MI. Mr. Jowers and his wife, Juliette, reside in Barnwell, where he has been active in numerous civic and community organizations.

Robert Hurst, Treasurer



Mr. Robert Hurst, Jr., President and CEO of Phoenix Specialty Manufacturing Company in Bamberg, currently serves as Treasurer of the Southern Carolina Alliance Board of Directors. He has served on the SCA Board since 2007 and has played an instrumental role in the recruitment of industry to

the Southern Carolina Region.

Mr. Hurst's manufacturing company employs more than 90 people at the facility in Bamberg, which specializes in made-to-order specialty washers, gaskets, screws, shims and precision stampings for some 2,000 customers, with the growing

aerospace sector comprising about 40% of Phoenix's business.

Over the years, the company's products have been utilized in projects as far reaching as a lunar project on the moon, on the space shuttle Mars Voyager and in the bottom of the ocean.

Because the company has aerospace and automotive customers, Phoenix products meet the strict quality management and transparency standards of the Society of Automotive Engineers, the European Association of Aerospace Industries, and the International Organization for Standardization. Phoenix is both AS 9100 and ISO 9001 registered.

An advocate for economic development efforts and manufacturing in the region, Mr. Hurst also serves on the South Carolina Manufacturing Extension Partnership's Board of Director. Robert and his wife, Cindy, reside in Denmark, where they have spearheaded a diverse array of community and county projects in the arts, recreation, and business sectors.



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