



## Nupi Americas to Locate in Hampton County



Nupi Americas, Inc., a North American subsidiary of Nupi Industrie Italiane, S.p.A., is establishing manufacturing and distribution operations in Hampton County, investing \$4.9 million and creating 37 new jobs over the next five years at the Southern Carolina Industrial Campus in Early Branch, South Carolina.

Established in 2001 and headquartered in Houston, Texas, Nupi Americas is a subsidiary of Nupi Industrie Italiane, S.p.A., which has been manufacturing and marketing the NIRON product line since 1982. NIRON is a complete polypropylene pipe and fitting system for the distribution of hot and cold water in plumbing and air conditioning systems.

The company's Hampton County operations will focus primarily on its NIRON product line. To house the new facility, Nupi Americas is purchasing the existing 50,000-square-foot spec building, which will be expanded. The facility is expected to be fully operational by the second quarter of 2016.

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*The 50,000 square-foot industrial building was completed by Hampton County in 2012 and will be the new location for Nupi Americas, Inc. It is located in the Southern Carolina Industrial Campus in Early Branch located on Highway 68 just 5 minutes from I-95.*

## AS/R Systems, Inc. to Locate in Jasper County

AS/R Systems Inc., a leading manufacturer of customized and rebuilt carousels for industrial applications, has announced that the company plans to move operations to Ridgeland, South Carolina, where its affiliate, Robertson Partnership, plans to construct a 40,000 square-foot facility at the Cypress Ridge Industrial Park.

"We chose Jasper County for the relocation of our Illinois operation because the location offers excellent access to markets via I-95 and the Ports of Savannah and Charleston. In addition, Governor Haley, Jasper County Council and the

economic development team have provided a business-friendly community in which our company can grow," said AS/R Systems Owner Doug Robertson.

According to S.C. Governor Nikki Haley, "AS/R Systems' decision to invest in our state and establish operations in Jasper County proves that South Carolina is open for business to companies in all industries. This \$2.5 million investment and the 11 new jobs it will create

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"Nupi Americas has chosen South Carolina to develop its future activity in the U.S. The new facility, located in the Southern Carolina Industrial Campus, will be the hub to manufacture and distribute the goods to our oil, plumbing and HVAC customers, said Marco Genoni, President and CEO of Nupi Americas and CEO of Nupi Industrie Italiane SpA. "We would like to thank all the local and state institutions who helped us to achieve the target in a short time. We were positively surprised by the cooperation between all of the institutions and how they are well disposed to welcome industries in their territory, providing support at all the levels."

"We appreciate Nupi Americas' investment in our region," said SouthernCarolina Alliance Chairman Buddy Phillips. "Their new facility just off I-95 will be a successful one for both manufacturing and distribution, and we look forward to their success and prosperity in the Southern Carolina region of our state."

"It truly is a reason to celebrate when a company decides to invest in one of our rural counties. We have always made it a priority to show the world that all of South Carolina is open for business, and Nupi America's investment in Hampton County does exactly that. We're thrilled to welcome Nupi America to the South Carolina family, and look forward to watching its operations in Hampton thrive and grow," said Gov. Nikki Haley.

"The people of Hampton County are pleased that Nupi Americas, Inc. has chosen our community for their manufacturing and distribution facility, and the 37 new jobs are much appreciated," added Hampton County Council Chairman Shedron Williams. "The members of Hampton County Council look forward to welcoming this Italian company to our region, and we will assist in any way that we can ensure the best start up and operation for this manufacturer."

"We are delighted that Nupi Americas, Inc. has selected the Hampton County industrial building at the Southern Carolina Industrial Campus for their new operation. Our economic development teams at the local, regional and state level worked hard to create the best



*(L-R) Shedron Williams, Hampton County Council Chairman; Brantley Strickland, Hampton County Project Manager for SCA; Rose Elliot, Hampton County Administrator; and Bill Hager, Hampton County EDC Chairman met on December 15<sup>th</sup> to sign the closing documents for the purchase of the Hampton County Speculative Building by Nupi Americas.*

conditions for manufacturers like Nupi, and we look forward to the economic impact that this fine company will bring to our region," said Hampton County Economic Development Commission Chairman Bill Hager of SCANA Corporation, who also serves as a member of the SouthernCarolina Alliance Board of Directors.

In addition to recruitment assistance from SouthernCarolina Alliance, the S.C. Coordinating Council for Economic Development approved job development credits related to the project, and SCANA Corporation supported the project with a grant for cul-de-sac improvements.

*For more information on Nupi Americas, Inc., visit [www.nupiamericas.com/nupi/en](http://www.nupiamericas.com/nupi/en).*

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is a terrific beginning to a partnership between our state and this great company."

Founded in 1991, AS/R Systems Inc. leads the technology transfer market for specialized Goods to Person (G2P) technology, critical to manufacturing and distribution enterprises. Their customized vertical and horizontal carousels, along with technical services, provide significant space and labor improvements to a wide base of manufacturing and distribution firms across the U.S. and Canada, particularly in the health care, e-commerce, manufacturing and retail sectors.

"Jasper County proudly welcomes AS/R Systems, Inc. to our industrial community. Our county government will do everything we can to create the best pro-business environment for this project because we believe that every job created improves the quality of life for a family in our area," said Jasper County Council Chairwoman Barbara Clark.

"Job creation and capital investment from manufacturing and distribution operations are critical components to growth in Jasper County, and AS/R Systems, Inc. will be an asset to our area. New jobs equal opportunities for our citizens. SouthernCarolina Alliance, the Jasper County Chamber of Commerce and our county council welcome this progressive company to Jasper," added County Councilman Marty Sauls, who serves as SouthernCarolina Alliance Vice Chairman and Chairman of the Jasper County Chamber of Commerce.

*For more information on AS/R Systems, visit the company's website at [www.asrsystems.com](http://www.asrsystems.com).*



# Precision Metal Fabricators Expanding Barnwell County Operations

Precision Metal Fabricators, Inc., a firm that specializes in the manufacturing and fabrication of metal products, is expanding its existing Barnwell County operations. The company is investing \$500,000 to relocate to a larger facility, creating 19 new jobs in Williston, SC over the next five years.

“Over the last 25 years, Precision Metal Fabricators Inc. has had a vision to continuously improve customer service, quality, and processes through ingenuity and dedication. By understanding the value of human capital and staying true to our original vision, Precision Metal Fabricators has grown from a 5000-square-foot warehouse with four employees to a large scale contract manufacturing facility, with a wide customer base that spans into many industries. As the company grows and expands its operations into other industries, I am looking forward to Precision Metal Fabricators being an asset in South Carolina’s industrial community and creating even more career opportunities within our region,” said Alan King, President of Precision Metal Fabricators.

Located at 201 State Street in Williston, the 75,000-square-foot facility is nearly triple the size of Precision Metal Fabricators’ existing plant. To achieve the expansion, the company will update the new facility’s electrical system, as well as its office and workspaces, installing new airlines, fiber optics and servers. The move is expected to take place in January 2016, with hiring for the new positions anticipated to begin in the second quarter of 2016.

“A company that does business in one of our rural counties is extremely important to that community, and that’s exactly why we couldn’t be more excited to see Precision Metal Fabricators succeed in Barnwell County to the point that they are creating 19 new jobs there. This new investment shows how committed this great South Carolina company is to our people, and that commitment really is a reason to celebrate across the state,” said Gov. Nikki Haley.

“South Carolina continues to lead the nation’s manufacturing renaissance, and today’s announcement by Precision Metal Fabricators reinforces that notion. We congratulate Precision Metal Fabricators on all of their success and look forward to supporting them as they continue to thrive in our state,” added Secretary of Commerce Bobby Hitt.

Barnwell County Council Chairman David Kenner remarked, “Barnwell County appreciates Mr. King’s investment in our county and our people. Every job created by Precision Metal Fabricators makes a difference for a family in our area, not to mention the surrounding supporting services, retail businesses, and indirect jobs. Good jobs bring a better quality of life, and we salute Mr. King’s commitment to our community.”

“Alan King and Precision Metal Fabricators will be an asset to our industrial community. Their state-of-the-art capabilities enable them to work with industry leaders in a variety of metal fabrication, defense, and technology industries, and we are proud that they chose to call Williston ‘home,’” added Barnwell County Economic Development Commission Chairman Tommy Boyleston.

“The Town of Williston applauds Precision Metal Fabricators on their expansion. They have been an industrial leader within the Williston community for twenty-five years, and we appreciate their continued commitment to our town,” said Williston Mayor Jason Stapleton. “It is a compliment to our community and to our workforce that industries



Precision Metal Fabricators President Alan King with Congressman Joe Wilson



continue to commit to expanding existing operations here. We congratulate Precision Metal Fabricators on their continued success.”

“We are honored that Alan King has chosen to grow Precision Metal Fabricators in our region. Not only is this a service disabled veteran-owned business, it is one that manufactures metal fabricated products for a wide variety of industry with the highest demands for quality and precision, which speaks to the quality of workforce since Mr. King plans to double the workforce at his facility,” added SouthernCarolina Alliance President Danny Black.

Those interested in joining the Precision Metal Fabricators team should contact the Human Resources Department by email at [HR@PMF-Inc.com](mailto:HR@PMF-Inc.com).

# Update: The South Carolina Lowcountry Promise Zone

Since The Obama Administration announced in April that the Southern Carolina Alliance region had been named a federal Promise Zone, Southern Carolina Alliance has been working with our Promise Zone partners to complete planning to ensure that we have the most successful utilization of the federal Promise Zone designation in the country.

Promise Zones are poverty challenged communities like our rural area where the federal government partners with local leaders to increase economic activity, improve educational opportunities, leverage private investment, enhance public health and safety and address other priorities identified by the community. Through the Promise Zone designation, these communities will work directly with federal, state and local agencies to give local leaders proven tools to improve the quality of life in some of the country's most vulnerable areas.

In September and October of 2015, Southern Carolina Alliance, the lead organization of the SC Lowcountry Promise Zone, held eight strategic planning sessions among those who are partners in the Promise Zone initiative. Each of these work groups, focused on K12 and Early Childhood Education, Economic Development, Housing, Workforce Development, Crime Prevention, Healthcare, Private Capital and Community Development, met with Dr. Kirk Randazzo, Director of the Carolina Leadership Initiative at the University of South Carolina, to create a framework for strategic planning.

In early 2016, this comprehensive and long-term strategic plan will be finalized and unveiled. This will guide the Promise Zone efforts to accomplish project goals to reduce poverty and promote economic growth and opportunities.

Partnering with a Center for a Better South, marketing and outreach communications for the Promise Zone have been ongoing through the website, [www.scpromisezone.org](http://www.scpromisezone.org), facebook and a monthly newsletter.

To date, over 25 grants have been endorsed with the Promise Zone designation. Since Sept 2015, over \$8 million in grants and loans have been awarded to organizations located in the Promise Zone region. Among those are:

## **\$100,000 Grant**

Corporation for Community and Economic Development  
Fair Training Housing and Assistance

## **\$66,952.69 Grant**

Town of Allendale  
"Open Air Allendale" - Development and Marketing of Farmer's Market

## **\$95,000 Grant**

Corporation for Community and Economic Development United, Inc.  
Crop Insurance Education and Risk Management Training for Farmers and Ranchers

## **\$8,344,000 Grant & Loan**

Lowcountry Regional Water System  
Water and Sewer Improvements

## **\$519,800 Grant & Loan**

Allendale County  
Vehicle and Equipment Purchases for Multiple County Services,  
E911 Radios, Airport GIS System and Fuel Tank Upgrade



*Dr. Kirk Randazzo, Director of the Carolina Leadership Initiative at the University of South Carolina, led 8 strategic planning sessions among the partners in the Promise Zone initiative. Pictured with him here is Pam Rush from Axis 1 in Barnwell County who participated in the session focused on healthcare.*



*Pictured are some of the participants from organizations around the state and the region who attended the strategic planning session focused on economic development.*

# Volunteer Pastilles Chooses Colleton County

On September 16, Volunteer Pastilles owner Steve Cook finalized the purchase of the former Castalloy Building in Walterboro, South Carolina, and announced that the company would bring their manufacturing operation to the 57,600 square-foot manufacturing facility at 304 Thunderbolt Drive.

Repairing and retrofitting the building and installing the equipment used in their process will delay the start of manufacturing until August of 2016.

According to a news article in The Press and Standard, Cook plans to start production with 7 employees and add 18 or more before the end of 2016 if they reach production goals.

In business for 13 years, Volunteer Pastilles converts raw products into a small granule or pellet form, which is called a "pastille." This process is often a solution for companies which are faced with a material handling problem.

"Our mission is to provide safe, environmentally friendly and cost effective pastillating service to our customers in a spirit of partnership and constant improvement," Cook explained.

Colleton County Economic Development Director Heyward Horton said that the company, based in Dayton, Tenn., chose Walterboro because of its location.

"It was a geography driven exercise," Horton said. "They needed to be close to the ports, and they also needed to be close to some of their customers. I-95 is an important corridor

for them."

"We will convert our customer's materials into the pastille form, package it for them, then return the material on pallets to their warehouses for distribution to their customers," Cook explained.

Unlike the other manufacturers that established a presence in Colleton County recently, Volunteer Pastilles is not seeking a fee in lieu of taxes incentive. Horton said the company will be eligible for a property tax abatement on the equipment they will install in the plant, an incentive that was established by the state.

Horton added that SouthernCarolina Alliance also agreed to provide financial assistance to the company in preparing the empty building for occupancy. Two tall silos located at the plant needed to be demolished, and the company asked for assistance in getting them taken out.

"We went to our allies at Southern Carolina Alliance," Horton explained.

Volunteer Pastilles' slogan is "Focused on the little things," because the diameter of their product is between two and eight millimeters.

*For more information on Volunteer Pastilles, LLC, please visit their website: [www.volunteerpastilles.com](http://www.volunteerpastilles.com).*



## Welcome to Our Newest SouthernCarolina Alliance Investors:

**Prabhuta Hospitality, LLC** | SCA Silver Investor

**Palmetto State Bank** | SCA Bronze Investor

**Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce** | SCA Bronze Investor

**McMillan Pazdan Smith, LLC** | SCA Bronze Investor

**Carlisle Associates, Inc** | SCA Bronze Investor



# Cypress Creek Renewables Establishes Solar Power Operations in Hampton County

Cypress Creek Renewables, a company that specializes in the ownership and development of long-term solar energy projects, has taken the first step towards investing \$66.8 million in six new solar energy facilities in Hampton County.

“Building solar in Hampton County is about investing in the future by providing homes with clean, affordable energy. We are thrilled to be long-term partners in the community and are thankful to county leaders, the State of South Carolina, and Sustainable Energy Solutions for their leadership,” said Cypress Creek Renewables CEO Matthew McGovern.

With offices in Arizona, Missouri, New York and North Carolina, as well as Los Angeles and San Francisco, Calif., Cypress Creek Renewables strives to make solar power economically attractive to utilities and consumers. Primarily focused on two to 10 megawatt utility scale projects, Cypress is working with regulators, utilities and business development groups throughout the United States to build more than one gigawatt of new solar projects between now and the end of 2016.

The company is working in partnership with Sustainable Energy Solutions, which is assisting Cypress by identifying sites, obtaining necessary permits and coordinating with the utilities. Together, they have received approval to build six facilities in and around three different towns within Hampton County, all of which are expected to be fully operational by the end of 2016.

“Hampton County welcomes Cypress Creek Renewables to Hampton County, and we appreciate the investment that they are making in our community in bringing renewable, sustainable energy solutions to our communities,” said Hampton County

Council Chairman Shedron Williams.

According to Southern Carolina Alliance Chairman Buddy Phillips, “Cypress Creek Renewables will be an asset to our industrial community and a great addition to the array of ‘green’ industries located in our region. We look forward to working with Cypress Creek Renewables in the coming years.”

In Brunson, S.C., Cypress is constructing a \$10 million, 10-megawatt facility off Broader Road. In Hampton, S.C., the company is investing \$26 million to construct a six-megawatt facility and a 20-megawatt facility on two separate sites off of Augusta Highway. In Estill, S.C., Cypress is investing \$30 million to construct three separate operations – a 12-megawatt facility off of Nixville Road, an 8-megawatt facility off of Columbia Highway and a 10-megawatt facility off of Steep Bottom Road.

“We’re excited to see Cypress Creek continue to invest in our state and our people. We have worked extremely hard to build a business environment in South Carolina that is open to all kinds of companies, and we look forward to seeing both Cypress Creek and the renewable energy industry grow here in the future,” said Gov. Nikki Haley.

“This investment by Cypress Creek Renewables will further strengthen South Carolina’s growing reputation in the area of renewable energy. Providing both positive economic and environmental impacts, I’m proud to welcome Cypress Creek to our state and look forward to growing this terrific partnership in the years ahead,” added Secretary of Commerce Bobby Hitt.

*For more information on Cypress Creek Renewables, visit [www.cypresscreekrenewables.com](http://www.cypresscreekrenewables.com). For more information on Sustainable Energy Solutions, visit [www.sccleanenergy.com](http://www.sccleanenergy.com).*

# New Joint Venture Agreement Established for Jasper Ocean Terminal

The Georgia and South Carolina Ports Authorities signed a new joint venture agreement that provides the necessary framework for the two states to work cooperatively toward the development of the Jasper Ocean Terminal (JOT), which will be jointly owned and operated by both port authorities.

“Whether we’re celebrating another business expansion or record-breaking year for exports, South Carolina’s economy is on the move thanks to a world class ports system that drives our economic development engine,” said South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley. “As South Carolina and Georgia renew this commitment to make the Jasper Ocean Terminal a reality, we have an incredible opportunity to strengthen our ports system - and that’s a great thing, not only for the people of Jasper County but for the entire state.”

“This agreement shows significant progress in our commitment to support economic development in our region,” said Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal. “We must expand port infrastructure in the fast-growing U.S. Southeast to accommodate future demand in manufacturing and retail. Our current investments in logistics infrastructure such as the ports will ensure that our states remain at the forefront of these industries so that we not only grow today but that we continue to grow for decades to come.”

The updated agreement governs the permitting and planning process for the JOT, including the development of terminal design and supporting infrastructure, plans for financing, and execution of the operational decisions required during the permitting process.



The JOT Joint Project Office was first established under an intergovernmental agreement signed in 2008 by the previous Governors of Georgia and South Carolina. This new agreement takes effect immediately and continues the work of the JOT.

“I am greatly encouraged with the signing of this agreement as the next step of the continuing cooperation and progress between Georgia and South Carolina toward the ultimate goal of building a Jasper Ocean Terminal, said David J Posek, Chairman of the Jasper Ocean Terminal Board of Directors. “It establishes the framework between our two states to work together over the next decade.”

A work plan for the 2016 fiscal year was adopted earlier this year by the JOT Board of Directors. The plan includes geotechnical studies and conceptual work on terminal design by Moffatt & Nichol, the Project Manager and the year is expected to culminate with a permit application to the US Army Corps of Engineers for the new terminal and channel modification study.

## Barnwell EDC Hires Jim Gambrell

The Barnwell County Economic Development Commission hired Jim Gambrell to serve as the Interim Economic Development Director of the organization in July of 2015.

With a 24-year career in banking and finance, Gambrell then served the City of Columbia, SC as Director of Economic Development, where he supported and encouraged business growth for over 20 years. During that time he worked closely with Columbia’s Mayor and City Council to support the growth of good jobs and helped develop government policies and regulations that were business friendly and economically viable.

Working with the University of South Carolina, under Jim’s oversight and guidance, the City of Columbia and USC began a technology focused business incubator where companies can grow and succeed. Jim also managed the redevelopment of Columbia’s Main Street. With an emphasis on urban residential growth and retail development in the downtown area, Columbia’s City

Center is now a booming area where business can grow, succeed and provide good jobs.

Jim retired from the City of Columbia in 2013 and started Navigator Consulting Group, LLC, focusing on helping communities grow and achieve their economic goals.

Born in Greenwood, SC, Jim Gambrell grew up in Chester County, SC, and graduated from Chester High School in 1960. He graduated from The Citadel in 1964, with a degree in Business and Finance and served in the US Army and the US Army Reserves for six years before beginning his career.



# New Industrial Buildings Available

SouthernCarolina Alliance, partnering with county and private partners, continues to develop and complete industrial buildings and parks that are now on the market. SCA invests in product development throughout the region to improve our marketability to industrial prospects.

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## PointSouth Commerce Park Industrial Building, Jasper County

A 53,775 square-foot industrial building is currently being constructed at PointSouth Commerce Park at Exit 33 on I-95 in Jasper County. Road improvements to Yemassee and Campground Roads, the entrance roads to the industrial park that will give access to the building, are also currently underway.

The Building is being constructed by Gordon Construction with ceiling heights from 24-30' to accommodate both manufacturing and distribution operations and will be expandable to more than 100,000 square feet. *For more information, please contact Phil Richardson at: (803)571-9954 or [prichardson@southerncarolina.org](mailto:prichardson@southerncarolina.org).*



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## CrossRhodes Industrial Park Building, Bamberg County

SouthernCarolina Alliance and partners are constructing a new 40,000 square-foot industrial building that will be located in the CrossRhodes Industrial Park, a 427-acre park in Bamberg.

The building will be across the street from Freudenberg Sealing Technologies, which expanded into the speculative building previously built by SCA. The building will be expandable to at least 80,000 square feet.

As of December 2015, the construction of the building is mostly completed with only a few final items remaining. A building dedication is planned for the first quarter of 2016. *For more information, contact Kell Anderson at (803)541-0023 or at [kanderson@southerncarolina.org](mailto:kanderson@southerncarolina.org).*



# Local Leaders from Bamberg, Colleton and Hampton Counties Complete the 2015 SC Economic Development Institute

In November 2015, more than 50 local leaders and development professionals from across South Carolina completed the 2015 South Carolina Economic Development Institute. Institute attendees received their Certificates of Completion during the final day of the 2015 Institute held at Red Ventures in Lancaster County.

Five local leaders from the Southern Carolina Region completed this year's Institute. Among those were Clara Willis-Thomas from the Bamberg County Economic Development Commission; Jeremy Ware, a member of the Colleton County Economic Alliance Board of Directors and the Director of the Walterboro-Colleton Chamber of Commerce; Sabrina Johnson from the Colleton County Resource and Development Board; Russ Bullard, owner of Brunson Laundry, a medical laundry service in Hampton County; and Isaac Smith, a Hampton County Councilman.

During the quarterly, two-day sessions, participants traveled to different locations throughout the state that have been successful in community development and attracting and expanding their business and industrial base. Attendees gained insight into issues relating to: water and wastewater infrastructure, available industrial or business buildings and the importance other community development components necessary to attract investment.

The Institute is a partnership between the South Carolina Department of Commerce and the South Carolina Economic Developers' Association (SCEDA). The program emphasizes elements necessary to be competitive in today's global economy and educates supporters of economic development on emerging trends.

The Institute is open to participants from a wide variety of organizations and entities including city, town and county councils, local economic development practitioners, county economic development boards, county school boards, regional economic development boards, utility companies and local and state government employees.

More information on the South Carolina Economic Development Institute can be obtained by visiting [www.sceda.org](http://www.sceda.org) or contacting the South Carolina Economic Developers Association at 803-929-0305.



Left to right: South Carolina Economic Developers Association Board Member and Executive Director of the Union County Development Board Andrena Powell-Baker; Colleton County participants in the 2015 Economic Development Institute Sabrina Johnson and Jeremy Ware; and South Carolina Department of Commerce Small Business and Rural Development Director Maceo Nance.



Left to right: South Carolina Economic Developers Association Board Member and Executive Director of the Union County Development Board Andrena Powell-Baker; Hampton County participants in the 2015 Economic Development Institute Russ Bullard and Isaac Smith; and South Carolina Department of Commerce Small Business and Rural Development Director Maceo Nance.



Left to right: South Carolina Economic Developers Association Board Member and Executive Director of the Union County Development Board Andrena Powell-Baker; Bamberg County participant in the 2015 Economic Development Institute Clara Willis-Thomas; and South Carolina Department of Commerce Small Business and Rural Development Director Maceo Nance.

**Congratulations on Completing the  
2015 SC Economic Development Institute!**

**Clara Willis-Thomas, Bamberg County EDC**

**Jeremy Ware, Colleton County Economic Alliance**

**Sabrina Johnson, Colleton County Resource & Development**

**Russ Bullard, Brunson Laundry**

**Isaac Smith, Hampton County Council**

# In The Spotlight: SCA Board of Directors

## Paige Carlton

*Director of Business Development, Thompson Construction*

H. Paige Carlton has served as Director of Business Development for Thompson Turner Construction since 2007. A full service provider of new construction and renovation services, Thompson Turner Construction is headquartered in Sumter, SC, providing services throughout the Southeast.

Mr. Carlton also continues to serve as President of The Carlton Group, a business development consulting company that he formed in 2003 with a focus on developing business for organizations and companies with a desire to work in the secondary and higher education school system, the economic development arena, and with municipalities and counties. As President of The Carlton Group, he continues to be instrumental in developing leads, assisting in proposals and presentations, and securing contracts. His work includes business development for Sodexo and Stribling Systems.

A 1983 graduate of Wofford College, Carlton received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics. After graduating from Wofford, he worked for Senator Strom Thurmond as Assistant Office Manager for his Washington, DC office for two years before being promoted to Office Manager of the Senate Judiciary Committee in 1985.

In 1988, Mr. Carlton began working with Governor Carroll Campbell as an economic development representative. In this

position, he served as the sole contact between cities' community development departments and Governor Campbell's Office.

From 1989 until 1994, Mr. Carlton worked with one of the largest architectural/engineering firms in the Southeast, responsible for all of their business development in South Carolina, Georgia and North Carolina.

In January of 1995, Mr. Carlton joined J. Warren Tompkins, Inc. as a lobbyist and consultant to clients in the school marketplace. As a lobbyist, Mr. Carlton successfully represented numerous clients' interests throughout the entire legislative process.

Since 1998, Mr. Carlton has concentrated his efforts in business development consulting full time. He has been instrumental in developing leads, aiding in the development of proposals and presentations, and securing contracts for clients.

Mr. Carlton has been a member of the Southern Carolina Alliance Board of Directors since 2012.



## Barry Moore

*Publisher, The Press and Standard*

In 2016, Barry Moore will celebrate 39 years of publishing community newspapers throughout the United States; currently he serves as the publisher of The Press and Standard in Walterboro, SC.

In addition to his service on the Board of Directors of Southern Carolina Alliance, Moore serves on the Board of Directors for the Walterboro-Colleton Chamber of Commerce,

where he is a past Chairman of the Board. Moore also serves on the Board of Trustees of the Colleton Medical Center.

Born and raised in Greenwood, SC, Barry is a graduate of Greenwood County public schools and The University of Tennessee.

He is married to Kris Moore, and they have six children and nine grandchildren.

## Terri Wright

*Mayor of Brunson, Hampton County*

Terri Wright has served as Mayor of the Town of Brunson, located in Hampton County, since 1993. He is the past president of the South Carolina Conference of Black Mayors and has served on many boards on the county and state level, including his current position with the Southern Carolina Alliance Board of Directors, where he also serves on the Executive Committee.

A Vietnam Veteran, he retired from the

South Carolina Army National Guard with thirty-one years of service. Born in Brunson, he graduated from the North District Training School in Varnville, South Carolina, and earned an Associate Degree in Business from Beaufort Technical College.

Mayor Wright is a member of the Macedonia Baptist Church where he serves as a deacon. He is married to Mary Wright and they have three children.



# Remembering Tom Jackson

The Southern Carolina Alliance Board of Directors and staff extend our condolences to the family of Mr. Thomas Raymond Jackson, Jr., who served as a longtime supporter and investor in Southern Carolina Alliance and played a pivotal role in our economic development efforts for many years.

A beloved business leader in the region, Mr. Jackson served as a ball-turret gunner on a B-24 in the 13th Army Air Corps in the Pacific Theatre during World War II.

After attending Emory University in Atlanta, Mr. Jackson was employed by Texaco Inc. in Mobile, Alabama, and later in Columbia and Charleston. In 1954 he joined the Anderson Oil Company in Williston, which he later purchased and served as president until his retirement in 1984. Mr. Jackson served as President of the S.C. State Oil Jobbers Association and Chairman of the S.C. Petroleum Council. He was Texaco Brand Chairman for the National Oil Jobbers Council.

In the past he had served as president of the Williston Jaycees, the Williston Development Board, the Williston Lions Club, the Ellenton Agricultural Club, and the Barnwell County Chamber of Commerce. He served two years as a Director of the S.C. Chamber of Commerce; three years on the S.C. Human Affairs Commission, and one year as Chairman of the United Fund in Williston. Mr. Jackson served on Barnwell County Council for five years. He was a member of the American Legion - Post #75, and served as Adjutant and Boys' State Chairman there. He had also been a Woodmen of the World member and served on the board of the Directors for the C&S National Bank, and later for the First Citizens Bank.

For seven years he was a member of the S.C. State Board of Education, serving as chairman one year. In 1968 he was chairman of a special committee to build the Barnwell County Vocational School. He also served as chairman of the Ethel & Solomon Blatt Barnwell County Scholarship Fund.

He was a member of the Williston Church of Christ and a former elder and Sunday school teacher there. He was chairman and served on the board of the Blue Ridge Churches of Christ Encampment in Black Mountain, N.C. for many years.

His family was named "Barnwell County Family of the Year" in 1979. Mr. Jackson was chosen "Outstanding Business Leader" by the Barnwell County Chamber of Commerce in 1990, and in 1991 was the County's "Outstanding Older Citizen" and Williston's "Citizen of the Year."

He is survived by his wife, of 65 years, Marylen Smith Jackson; four children, twelve grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

During his lifetime, Mr. Jackson touched many of our lives individually, while bettering his community through his life's work and service. Tom Jackson helped make the Southern Carolina Alliance region a better place to live and work.



## 10th Annual CNTA High School Essay Contest - 2016 \$1,000 Student Scholarship + \$500 School Award Essay Deadline February 29, 2016



**Juniors/Seniors, submit a 1,000-1,500 word essay on one of the following topics:**

- Discuss the impact of political processes on nuclear technology.
- Discuss the effects of nuclear power plant closures either nationally or internationally. How do these closures affect the stability of the electric grid, the economy of the surrounding areas, and the effect on greenhouse gas emissions?
- "Green vs. Clean" – discuss the relative merits of fracking vs. nuclear to the environment and the economy.

### Criteria:

- High school juniors or seniors attending school in Aiken, Allendale, Barnwell, Burke, Columbia or Richmond Counties in SC & GA
- Open to CNTA members' family who are high school juniors or seniors regardless of school location

**Email submittal to: [cnta@bellsouth.net](mailto:cnta@bellsouth.net)**

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## **SouthernCarolina Alliance Salutes Our Industries**

No matter where you work, you can thank our local industries. As the economic foundation on which our local economies are built, our industries create opportunities for service providers and retail businesses, while providing additional tax revenue to fund county services, schools and a great quality of life.

Our companies also provide unique and exciting job opportunities for our local residents. You don't have to travel far to find the high quality jobs that can build a career and make your dreams come true.

That's why SouthernCarolina Alliance continues to work closely with our industries to help them grow, while marketing the Southern Carolina region of our state to prospective companies as the best place in the world to live and work.