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 Wal-Mart
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Major Sponsor:

Catawba County
 Chamber of Commerce



Other EDC Supporters:

Hickory Construction, Inc.
 Von Drehle Corporation

2006 EDC Priorities Plan

Mfg	MJ-site planned & engineered	Opportunity & Regional Asset Mapping	Comm. of 100 considered Viable & Valuable
Exist Ind	Better EI Database & Effective Reporting/Feedback Mechanism	EI Communications System (paper & electronic)	Deep EI Programming: UL/3PL, FTZ, Workforce
Non-Mfg	Speculative Building Oversight	Specialty Auto Initiatives	Mixed Use Initiatives in Growth Corridors
Admin	Oversee & Administer Committee of 100	Coordinate & Produce Specialty Collateral Pieces	Rework all Office Filing Systems
Support	Monthly Real Estate Visitation Program	10 Key Site/Building Marketing Pieces	Update Aerials/Wall of Fame
Board	Funding: Committee of 100	Involvement: EDC & C100 Functions	Oversight: Plan of Work Accomplishment

Staff:

Tim Bolick, Marketing and Administration

Vivian Gilliam, Office Administration

Bebe Leitch, Dir., Existing Industry Services

Julie Prnett, Dir., Non-Mfg. Recruitment

Scott Millar, President

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 Development Corporation*

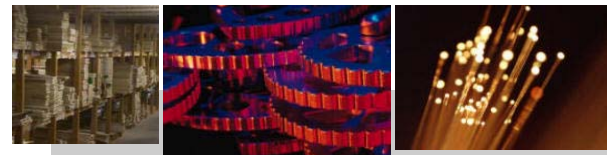
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Business Retention & Expansion Program



The Catawba County Economic Development Corporation's Existing Industry Program was created to assist in solving business headaches for Catawba County industries so they can concentrate on their processes, thereby insuring continued business health and growth within Catawba County.

This Program is partially funded by a \$25,000 grant from the **Catawba County Chamber of Commerce.**

Catawba County's Retention & Expansion Program:

Created to assist our existing industries by providing a comprehensive program that can be utilized to solve business issues in an efficient & timely manner.

Resources Available to Existing Industries within Catawba County:



There are many services, most available at no charge, to assist Catawba County's existing industries. The Economic Development Corporation serves as a clearinghouse for business information to existing industries and can usually provide information or assistance to help you minimize time spent in solving your business problem.

The Catawba County Economic Development Corporation stands ready to assist in any business problem you may encounter. We are here to help Catawba County's industries stay and grow.



Training

- Focused Industrial Training Program (FIT): Training for shop floor employees and frontline supervisors in manufacturing industries. Training may include individualized needs assessments and consultations to design and implement targeted, customized training.



(NOTE: Monies are limited.)
www.ncccs.cc.nc.us/Business_and_Industry/fit.htm

- New & Expanding Industry Training Program (NEIT): Training available to companies that create 12 or more new jobs in any one community in North Carolina during a one-year period. Services may include pre-employment assistance, instruction/training, facilities, and supplies/customized materials. (NOTE: More specific qualifications are included on the web site listed below.)
www.ncccs.cc.nc.us/Business_and_Industry/neit.htm

- Occupational Extension Training: Offered at rates preset by the State. This training is designed for upgrading skills of persons currently employed or retraining others for new employment. Rate schedule for training is:
Cost per person hours of training:



\$50	0-10
\$55	11-30
\$60	31-100
\$65	100 +

http://www.ncccs.cc.nc.us/Business_and_Industry/continuingeducation.htm

- Incumbent Workforce Grant: Provides funding to established North Carolina businesses to provide educational and skills training for current workers. To qualify, a business must show it has exhausted efforts to secure funding through FIT and NEIT.

www.ncccommerce.com/workforce/incumbent_worker/guidelines_application.pdf

Financial Assistance

- Industrial Revenue Bonds
www.ncccommerce.com/finance/incentives/irb
- William S. Lee Tax Credits—Tier 3
www.ncccommerce.com/finance/incentives/tax
- Investment Tax Credits
- Jobs Tax Credits
- Training Tax Credits
- Community Development Block Grants/ Infrastructure improvement loans
www.ncccommerce.com/finance/incentives/cdbg

Real Estate Assistance

- Comprehensive Building & Site Database
- GIS mapping and analysis, data ready for engineering and architectural processing in AutoCad format via Internet

Foreign Sales

- Implementation of Foreign Trade Zone in Catawba County
- Import/Export Coordination

Other Assistance

- Assistance & coordination with Utility companies
- Environmental Assistance
- Cost of Living, School, Quality of Life, and other community data
- WPCOG Data Center contact
- Legal assistance
- Buyer/supplier networks
- Local government contact/communication
- Local and statewide networking
- Contact with NC Department of Commerce, Charlotte Regional Partnership, Charlotte/Douglas International Airport, and other regional resources



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