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Major Sponsor:

Catawba County
Chamber of Commerce



Some 2006 Catawba County Economic Highlights

- Pallet One plans to build facility, launching Catawba County's plans for "Eco-Complex" at landfill.
- Catawba announces plans for River Oaks Village, a mixed-use/residential development.
- Abernethy Laurels announces \$15 million expansion for continuing care community.
- Idealtalia announces plans for 50,000 square foot expansion.
- Ameritex Technologies buys former J. Royale building and adds new production line.
- Baker Furniture announces plans to locate corporate headquarters in former Corning plant.
- Sarstedt begins construction of 11,000 square foot office expansion.
- Charlotte Metro Foreign Trade Zone approves boundary modification for Hickory Foreign Trade Zone.
- Fiber Line Inc. announces 60,000 square foot expansion creating 25 new jobs.
- Target announces plans to build 1.5 million sq. ft. distribution ctr & create 580 new jobs in Newton.
- Moretz Inc. merges with Gold Toe Investment Corp. creating the largest U. S. sockmaker.
- Renovations begin on new NC Center for Engineering Technologies in former Corning facility off Tate Blvd.
- Von Drehle Corporation announces plans for 60,000 square foot expansion in Newton.
- Twin City Knitting lands contract to supply all socks and belts for all Major League Baseball players.
- Aqua Plastics Inc. announces plans to open facility in the former Gilbert Hose Building in Hickory.

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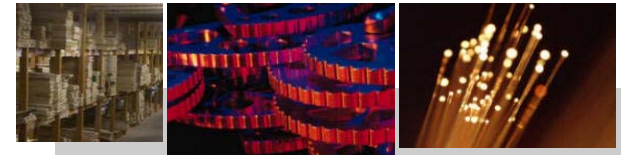
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Business Retention & Expansion Program



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
- Article 3J Credits—Tier 2
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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