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Turbotec to bring 73 jobs to Hickory

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Turbotec Products Inc. will move most of its manufacturing to Hickory during the next three years, bringing the area 73 jobs.

The company will also spend \$6.5 million to buy and equip a building in the Fairgrove Business Park as it consolidates production to Catawba County from Connecticut.

Those jobs will pay an average salary of \$37,403 a year, which is above the county's average of \$32,500.

In return for bringing the jobs and investment, Turbotec will receive a \$76,500 grant from the One NC Fund, Gov. Bev Perdue's fund to encourage economic development in the state.

Catawba County, which reported 14.4 percent unemployment in December, can use the jobs, says Hickory Mayor Rudy Wright. "It especially warms my heart that 73 families in our area will have renewed hope as a result of Turbotec's additional investment in the community."

Turbotec has 16 employees in a Hickory facility where heat exchangers are fabricated for the heating, refrigeration and furniture industries.

The new building measures 100,000 square feet, much larger than its current plant.