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Business moving to area
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PICKENS - Tri Tech USA of South Burlington, Vt., plans to relocate its headquarters to the Pickens County Commerce Park in Liberty.

The company will build a \$4 million, 41,000-square-foot facility to be completed in August, and employ at least 40 people, it said in a statement.

Tri Tech produces commercial grade mobile kitchen unites for the U.S. military and advanced metalworking in commercial industrial applications. Those include metal components used in a variety of industries, including automotive, aerospace, pharmaceutical, food processing and furniture.

The Liberty office of the South Carolina Employment Security Commission will handle job applications. ReadySC will perform employee training at Tri-County Technical College.

The company chose Pickens County after a 10- month search, said Joe and Linda Bacigalupo, owners of Tri Tech.

“Pickens County, Alliance Pickens and the State of South Carolina worked very hard to win our commitment to move here,” they said in a statement “It is clear to us that the support will continue long after the move and we look forward to supporting the local community to make this a ‘win-win’ for everyone.”

The company’s mobile kitchen units are used to feed front-line soldiers in military operations worldwide. The kitchens are made in various sizes, are easily transportable via helicopter, plane or truck and will serve from 90 to 600 soldiers, depending upon the size of the kitchen, according to a statement.

“Pickens County Council is proud that Tri Tech USA has chosen Pickens County as its new home,” said Neil Smith, chairman of County Council. “Getting a new manufacturing operation in this economy solidifies our belief that a pro-business atmosphere will continue to generate new jobs.”