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PICKENS COUNTY BUSINESS ASSISTANCE SYMPOSIUM**

**MORNING SESSION:**

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**9:10:00 AM Small Business Ombudsman - South Carolina Department of Commerce (SC DoC)**

Helps to match existing small business owners with appropriate resources and contacts, within or outside Commerce.

Contact: Charles (Chuck) Bundy Jr.  
Sr. Manager, Business Solutions  
South Carolina Department of Commerce  
1201 Main Street  
Suite 1600  
Columbia, SC 29201  
Phone: 803.737.0440 Fax: 803.737.0418  
Email: cbundy@commerce.state.sc.us Web: www.sccommerce.com

**9:20:00 AM Appalachian Development Corporation - Appalachian Council of Governments (ACOG)**

Avails publicly funded loan financing to small and large businesses.

Contact: David L. Mueller  
Chief Operating Officer  
Appalachian Development Corporation  
PO Drawer 6668  
Greenville, SC 29606  
Phone: 864.241.4661 Fax: 864.242.6957  
Email: mueller@scacog.org Web: www.scacog.org/rf

**9:30:00 AM Small Business Development Center (SBDC) - Clemson University**

Consults and advises small business and aids in the development of small business plans at its Clemson University office.

Contact: Ben Smith  
Area Manager of the Clemson Area Office  
The Clemson Regional Small Business Development Center  
Clemson University  
425 Sistine Hall  
Clemson, SC 29634  
Phone: 864.656.4871 Fax: 864.710.4717  
Email: bennys@clemson.edu Web: business.clemson.edu

**9:40:00 AM U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)**

Federal agency that assists US small business to be competitive and profitable.

Contact: Elliott O. Cooper  
District Director, SC District Office  
U.S. Small Business Administration  
1835 Assembly Street  
Room 1425  
Columbia, SC 29201  
Phone: 803.765.5339 Fax: 202.481.1856  
Email: elliot.cooper@sba.gov Web: www.sba.gov/sc

**IN COOPERATION WITH:**

Liberty Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Easley Chamber of Commerce

Clemson Area Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Pickens Chamber of Commerce

**MORNING SESSION (cont'ed):****9:50:00 AM South Carolina Small Business Assistance Program (SBAP) - SCDHEC**

Guides and assists small businesses through the DHEC permitting process.

Contact: Phyllis Copeland  
 Director  
 Small Business Assistance Program, SC DHEC  
 2600 Bull Street  
 Columbia, SC 29201  
 Phone: 803.896.8940 Fax: 803.896.8999  
 Email: smallbusinessinfo@dhec.sc.gov  
 Web: www.scdhec.net/eqc/admin/html/sbap.asp

**10:00:00 AM Small Business Regulatory Review Committee (SBRR) - SC DoC**

Provides a point of contact for small business to voice concerns over governmental regulations that hinder small business.

Contact: Monty Felix  
 Chairman  
 Small Business Regulatory Review Committee  
 165 Sweet Bay Road  
 St. Matthews, SC 29135  
 Phone: 803.655.5000  
 Email: pfelix2997@aol.com  
 Web: www.sccommerce.com/RegulatoryReview.html

**10:10:00 AM SCORE "Counselors to America's Small Business"**

Provides free and confidential small business advice for entrepreneurs.

Contact: Uwe Diestel  
 Chair  
 Piedmont SCORE  
 Tri-County Community College  
 3101 North Main Street  
 Anderson, SC 29621  
 Phone: 864.288.1813  
 Email: info@piedmontscore.org Web: www.piedmontscore.org

**10:20:00 AM Retirement Planning for Small Business People**

Retirement planning for small businesses.

Contact: Don Reed  
 Owner/President  
 Retirement Marketing Specialist  
 PO Box 14399  
 Greenville, SC 29610  
 Phone: 864.442.9507 Fax: 864.442.9508  
 Email: dwrassoc@aol.com

**10:30:00 AM Spiro Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership - Clemson University**

Assists entrepreneurs with market analysis and business planning, as well as provides mentoring programs and research grants.

Contact: Caron H. St. John, Ph.D.  
 Director  
 Spiro Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership  
 Clemson University  
 164 Sistine Hall  
 Clemson, SC 29634  
 Phone: 864.656.7235  
 Email: scaron@clemson.edu Web: business.clemson.edu/Spiro

**10:40:00 AM SC Launch! - A South Carolina Research Authority Collaboration (SCRA)**

Provides entrepreneurs with key tools for success to build technology startups, jobs and equity.

Contact: Dave McNamara  
 Vice President, SCRA  
 SC Launch!  
 1330 Lady Street  
 Suite 505  
 Columbia, SC 29201  
 Phone: 803.733.9076  
 Email: mcnamara@scra.org Web: www.sclaunch.org

**MORNING SESSION (cont'ed):**

**10:50:00 AM Venture Capital Development - South Carolina Department of Commerce (SC DoC)**

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Provides access to venture capital in support of home-grown entrepreneurial growth.

Contact: Ian M. Forbes-Jones  
 Manager, Venture Capital Development  
 South Carolina Department of Commerce  
 1201 Main Street  
 Suite 1600  
 Columbia, SC 29201  
 Phone: 803.737.3180 Fax: 803.737.0418  
 Email: iforbes-jones@sccommerce.com Web: www.sccommerce.com

**11:00:00 AM InfoMentum - Appalachian Council of Governments (ACOG)**

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Provides a GIS based source of market and demographic data in the form of customized maps, publications, and data tables.

Contact: Carol Andersen  
 Information Services Director  
 Appalachian Council of Governments  
 PO Drawer 6668  
 Greenville, SC 29606  
 Phone: 864.242.9733 Fax: 864.242.6957  
 Email: andersen@scacog.org Web: www.infomentum.org

**11:10:00 AM South Carolina Women's Business Center**

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Assists women (and men) entrepreneurs in all aspects of their business, from start-up through growth and final exit strategies.

Contact: Haidee Stith  
 Director  
 SC Women's Business Center  
 817 Calhoun Street  
 Columbia, SC 29201  
 Phone: 803.461.8900 Fax: 803.254.4200  
 Email: hstith@scmep.org Web: www.scwbc.org

**11:20:00 AM International Trade - South Carolina Department of Commerce (SC DoC)**

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Provides export assistance through support, guidance and market research.

Contact: Clarke Thompson  
 Director, Export Development & Foreign Relations  
 South Carolina Department of Commerce  
 1201 Main Street  
 Suite 1600  
 Columbia, SC 29201  
 Phone: 803.737.0438 Fax: 803.806.3508  
 Email: cthompson@sccommerce.com Web: www.sccommerce.com

**11:30:00 AM Grants and Incentives - South Carolina Department of Commerce (SC DoC)**

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Avails a variety of business incentives for existing and new employers.

Contact: Daniel Young  
 Managing Director  
 South Carolina Department of Commerce  
 1201 Main Street  
 Suite 1600  
 Columbia, SC 29201  
 Phone: 803.734.0429 Fax: 803.734.0385  
 Email: dyoung@sccommerce.com Web: www.sccommerce.com

**11:40:00 AM Appalachian Regional Commission Economic Development Administration (ARC / EDA) - ACOG**

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Assists in accessing funding from the Appalachian Regional Commission and the Economic Development Administration.

Contact: Dirk Reis  
 Grants Services Director  
 Appalachian Council of Governments  
 PO Drawer 6668  
 Greenville, SC 29606  
 Phone: 864.242.9733 Fax: 864.242.6957  
 Email: reis@scacog.org Web: www.scacog.org

**MORNING SESSION (cont'ed):**

**11:50:00 AM SC - USDA Rural Development - United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)**

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Assists businesses with loan guarantees and grants.

Contact: Myrick Dixon  
Loan Specialist  
SC Rural Development  
105 Corporate Drive  
Suite G  
Spartanburg, SC 29303  
Phone: 864.814.2471 Fax: 864.814.2904  
Email: myrick.dixon@sc.usda.gov Web: www.rurdev.usda.gov/sc

**AFTERNOON SESSION:**

**1:00:00 PM OSHA Voluntary Programs - SC Dept. of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (SC LLR)**

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Avails free training and courtesy inspections, with no monetary penalties, for OSHA compliance on workplace hazards.

Contact: Melody Ward-Mack, MMC  
Safety & Health Training Coordinator  
Office of OSHA Voluntary Programs  
PO Box 11329  
Columbia, SC 29211  
Phone: 803.896.4428 Fax: 803.896.7750  
Email: mackm@llr.sc.gov Web: www.llr.state.sc.us/Labor/scovp

**1:10:00 PM SC Business One Stop - South Carolina Department of Revenue (SC DoR)**

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Assists entrepreneurs and business start-ups to reduce governmental red tape and simplify the start-up process.

Contact: Norman Davis  
Program Manager - SCBOS  
SC Business One Stop  
SC Department of Revenue  
PO Box 125  
Columbia, SC 29214  
Phone: 803.898.5036  
Email: davisn@sctax.org Web: www.scbos.com

**1:20:00 PM Tri-County Technical College**

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Provides technical training and education to serve the business and entrepreneurial needs of Pickens County.

Contact: Dr. Ronnie L. Booth  
President  
Tri-County Technical College  
PO Box 587  
Pendleton, SC 29670  
Phone: 864.646.1773 Fax: 864.646.6317  
Email: rlbooth@tctc.edu Web: www.tctc.edu

**1:30:00 PM Enterprise Zone Training Credits - Tri-County Technical College**

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Helps companies defray the cost of retraining employees via the Enterprise Zone Retraining Credit incentive.

Contact: John Benson  
Director  
Tri-County Technical College  
PO Box 7900  
Pendleton, SC 29670  
Phone: 864.646.1717 Fax: 864.646.1894  
Email: jbenison1@tctc.edu Web: www.tctc.edu/lifelong\_learners/wctc.html

**AFTERNOON SESSION (cont'ed):**

**1:40:00 PM Center for Accelerated Technology Training (CATT)**

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Provides customized training for expanding and new industry at little to no cost.

Contact: Bobby Brothers  
 Area Director  
 The Center for Accelerated Technology Training  
 PO Box 587  
 Pendleton, SC 29670  
 Phone: 864.646.1442 Fax: 864.646.1897  
 Email: bbrother@tctc.edu  
 Web: www.tctc.edu/business\_industry/training/catt.html

**1:50:00 PM Community Development - Southern Wesleyan University**

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Provides training and education and will assist small business start-ups through the Small Business Incubator Program.

Contact: Carla D. Whitlock  
 Director of Community Development and Government Relations  
 Southern Wesleyan University  
 907 Wesleyan Drive  
 Central, SC 29630  
 Phone: 864.644.5014 Fax: 864.644.5900  
 Email: cwhitlock@swu.edu Web: www.swu.edu

**2:00:00 PM South Carolina Manufacturing Extension Partnership (SCMEP)**

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Helps manufacturers to solve business, manufacturing, and supply chain process problems.

Contact: Andy Carr  
 Manufacturing Specialists  
 SCMEP  
 PO Box 6267  
 Greenville, SC 29606-6267  
 Phone: 864.288.5687 Fax: 864.288.8957  
 Email: acarr@scmep.org Web: www.scmep.org

**2:10:00 PM Worklink (Develop the link between employers and the workforce.)**

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Provides financial assistance for employers through On-the-Job Training, Customized Training, and Incumbent Worker Training.

Contact: Julia S. Hoyle  
 Director  
 Worklink  
 PO Box 587  
 Pendleton, SC 29670  
 Phone: 864.646.1827 Fax: 864.646.2814  
 Email: jhoyle@worklinkweb.com Web: www.worklinkweb.com

**2:20:00 PM South Carolina Employment Security Commission (SCESC) - Liberty Workforce Center**

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Assists businesses to recruit and screen potential employees and assists training currently employed workers.

Contact: Sharon Morgan  
 Area Director  
 SCESC Liberty Workforce Center  
 PO Box 539  
 Liberty, SC 29657  
 Phone: 864.843.6534 Fax: 864.843.2038  
 Email: smorgan@sces.org Web: www.sces.org

**2:30:00 PM Fort Hill Natural Gas Authority**

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Provides one-on-one assistance, rebates, and technical support to help create, support and grow its respective customers.

Contact: Joey Hawkins  
 Director of Industrial Relations & Consumer Affairs  
 Fort Hill Natural Gas Authority  
 PO Box 189  
 Easley, SC 29641  
 Phone: 864.850.7117 Fax: 864.859.5532  
 Email: joey.hawkins@fhnga.com Web: www.fhnga.com

**AFTERNOON SESSION (cont'ed):****2:40:00 PM Blue Ridge Electric Cooperative, Inc.**

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A locally controlled / managed cooperative, offers personal service, competitive flexible rates, and energy management support.

Contact: Alan Blackmon  
Manager of Engineering  
Blue Ridge Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
PO Box 277  
Pickens, SC 29671  
Phone: 864.898.2018 Fax: 864.898.2126  
Email: alan.blackmon@blueridge.coop Web: www.blueridge.coop

**2:50:00 PM Duke Energy**

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Supplies and delivers energy to nearly 3.9M U.S. customers, with nearly 37,000MW of electric generating capacity.

Contact: Emily DeRoberts  
Customer Relations Manager  
Duke Energy  
325 West McBee Avenue  
Greenville, SC 29601  
Phone: 864.370.5133 Fax: 864.370.5183  
Email: ekmccoy@duke-energy.com Web: www.duke-energy.com

**3:00:00 PM Clemson University**

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Provides education, research, and technology transfer to South Carolina business, industry, and entrepreneurs.

Contact: Christian E. G. Przirembel, PH.D.  
Vice President for Research and Economic Development  
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Clemson, SC 29634-5701  
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Email: cprzmbel@clemson.edu Web: www.clemson.edu/research