

# **QUICK FACTS**

Employer
Apprenticeship
Programs: 168%

Current Active
Apprentices: 158%

Average Growth:
Over One New
Employer Program
EACH WEEK

44 of the 46 Counties in South Carolina Now Have Programs

> All 16 Technical Colleges Are Participating

















Recognized nationally as 1 of 10 innovative workforce development best practices

Apprenticeship Carolina<sup>™</sup> is a new division of the South Carolina Technical College System that works to ensure all employers in South Carolina have access to the information and technical assistance they need to create demand-driven registered apprenticeship programs. Apprenticeship consultants are available to guide companies through the registered apprenticeship development process from initial information to full recognition in the National Registered Apprenticeship System.

## **SUCCESS**

- Since Apprenticeship Carolina's™ inception in July of 2007, registered apprenticeship programs have grown in number from 90 to 241, an increase of 168% for the state.
- From a total of 777 individuals in July 2007, the number of active apprentices in the state has grown to a current level of 2001, an increase of 158%.

#### **MOMENTUM**

- \* 89 new registered apprenticeship programs in the 2008-2009 fiscal year.
- Average of more than one new employer-sponsored program each week since July 2007.
- 30% of participating employers offer apprenticeship training in more than one occupation.
- Employer interest indicates that apprenticeship provides valuable high-level skills training for jobs that are presently in demand, even given current economic challenges.

#### **GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY**

- 44 of South Carolina's 46 counties now have at least one registered apprenticeship program.
- ♣ All 16 technical colleges have participated in Apprenticeship Carolina's™ outreach and expansion of employer participation.

## TARGETED INDUSTRY CLUSTERS

- Advanced Manufacturing and Technologies
- Construction Technologies
- Energy (including agribusiness and biofuels)
- Health Care
- Tourism and Creative Industries
- Transportation and Logistics

## A NATIONAL MODEL

- ❖ The US Department of Labor has recognized Apprenticeship Carolina™ as a national model for apprenticeship expansion and for collaboration among state agencies engaged in workforce development.
- ❖ The Community College Futures Assembly recognizes Apprenticeship Carolina™ as one of ten workforce development innovative best practices for technical and community colleges across the country.

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