



SOUTH CAROLINA
CHAMBER *of* COMMERCE

GROW YOUR BUSINESS

Membership Benefits





Even in the toughest economic times, you can grow your business by being a South Carolina Chamber of Commerce member. The South Carolina Chamber has been nurturing businesses for more than 65 years. With our help, you can grow your business in a variety of ways. Increase your number of business contacts. Take part in exciting networking opportunities. Meet new customers. Raise your revenue. Your success will grow the state's economy and make South Carolina a better place to live.

MISSION STATEMENT

The South Carolina Chamber of Commerce, as the unified voice of business and industry, serves as the catalyst for statewide increased per capita income and global competitiveness through its efforts to:

- Decrease business costs and increase productivity;
- Build a highly skilled workforce;
- Nurture entrepreneurial development;
- Foster a favorable climate among our members and their employees; and,
- Improve quality of life for all South Carolinians.

WORKING FOR YOU

- The South Carolina Chamber is the only statewide organization representing business and industry in both public affairs and management issues.
- The Chamber works daily to protect your interests and identify legislative and regulatory solutions to business concerns.
- The Chamber adds a full-time professional staff to your management team, providing information and assistance in areas affecting your costs and methods of doing business.
- The Chamber assures that your individual voice is heard through the group action of the more than 6,500 members.



COMMUNICATIONS

SOUTH CAROLINA BUSINESS

A nationally recognized bi-monthly magazine.

COMPETITIVENESS UPDATE

An award-winning weekly update on action during the legislative session.

CHAMBERBIZ

A weekly newsletter covering business news, legislation and events.

MANUFACTURERS JOURNAL

A monthly newsletter sharing important manufacturing information.

WWW.SCCHAMBER.NET

Includes Palmetto Marketplace, an online membership directory, online ordering of Chamber products and up-to-the-minute information.

MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

IN-DEPTH RESOURCE PUBLICATIONS INCLUDE:

Employment and Labor Law Resource Guide, Model Employee Policies, The Human Resource File Cabinet, Workers' Compensation in South Carolina and more.

SUPERVISORY AND MANAGEMENT TRAINING

Legal and regulatory and union avoidance programs.

HUMAN RESOURCES CONFERENCE

Held annually, the conference provides training and information for human resources professionals.

EDUCATION

COUNCIL FOR EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

The Chamber's vehicle for influencing results oriented improvement of education and workforce development.



SOUTH CAROLINA BUSINESS WEEK

An experience in free enterprise for top high school students.

GOVERNMENT POLICY AND LEGISLATION

FULL-TIME PROFESSIONAL LOBBYING

Representation at the State House.

ANNUAL COMPETITIVENESS AGENDA

Providing proactive solutions.

LEGISLATIVE MONITORING

Identifying bills "Worth Watching" and tracking their progress.

THE GRASSROOTS NETWORK

The state's most influential group of volunteers, contacting legislators concerning business-related bills.

BUSINESS SPEAKS AT THE STATE HOUSE AND WASHINGTON NIGHT IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Providing business leaders a forum to interact with elected officials at the state and national levels.



EVENTS

JANUARY

Business Speaks at the State House

Business Speaks gives attendees a briefing on the Competitiveness Agenda, a look at what's ahead for the General Assembly and the chance to speak directly to House and Senate leaders.

FEBRUARY

Human Resources Professional of the Year Award

Each year, the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce and the South Carolina Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) State Council recognize the top human resources professional in the state.

MARCH

Safety Awards Luncheon

This luncheon is designed to recognize companies with a commendable Lost Workday Case Rate during the previous calendar year.

APRIL

Washington Night in South Carolina

Held every spring during Congress' annual break, the event brings together the business community and the state's congressional delegation for a town meeting.



Salute to Small Business

The South Carolina Chamber, the U.S. Small Business Administration and the South Carolina Coalition for Small Business and Entrepreneurship honor small businesses.

MAY

Human Resources Conference

The Annual HR Conference offers educational and networking opportunities for the HR professional with an interest in staying ahead of the ongoing economic challenges.



JUNE – AUGUST

Membership Receptions

Each year from June through August, the Chamber hosts four receptions around the state in the Midlands, Upstate, Lowcountry and Pee Dee that are free for members.



SEPTEMBER

Business Classic Golf Tournament

The Chamber gets business leaders and government officials on the links for a day of networking and friendly competition.

Salute to Manufacturing

The Chamber and the Silver Crescent Foundation have joined together to host a luncheon to honor South Carolina's small, medium and large manufacturers.

OCTOBER

Best Places to Work in South Carolina

The Chamber is pleased to partner with the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) – SC State Council and the publishers of *SC BIZ* for the Best Places to Work in South Carolina, dedicated to identifying and recognizing the state's most innovative employers.

Excellence in Workplace Diversity Awards

The Chamber and the SC Diversity Council recognize the state's top companies in the field of diversity with a reception and dinner.

NOVEMBER

Annual Summit

The Chamber's premier gathering of the state's business leaders honors the Business Leader of the Year, Public Servant of the Year, Sgt. William Jasper Freedom Award winner, Ron McNair Leadership Scholarship winner and the S. Hunter Howard Jr. Scholarship winner.



MEMBER TESTIMONIALS

BILL DUDA, OGLETREE

DEAKINS:

"As we've seen with workers' compensation and other changes the Chamber has

been able to push through the legislature, they've been the collective voice of the community."

JEANNE REYNOLDS, COLONIAL LIFE:

"Colonial Life markets primarily to small and medium-sized businesses, and the vast majority of Chamber members are small businesses, so it's a perfect fit for us."

MAX METCALF, BMW

"I think it's important that businesses get active in organizations like the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce. They get an opportunity to network with other business leaders in our state."

LESSIE PRICE, WASHINGTON GROUP INTERNATIONAL

"The Chamber has a statewide and national focus."

BERNARD TISDALE, OGLETREE DEAKINS

"The Chamber provides a great deal of benefit to employers through education, through information exchange, through the Web site and through publications on laws in the state, programs within the state and networking."

MARY GREENE, GREENE GRASSROOTS

"The Chamber provides such a diversity of membership and a diversity of opportunities to interact with those members."

MIKE CARROUTH, FISHER AND PHILLIPS

"You'll get benefits that go well beyond whatever you're spending to become a member of the Chamber, and it's worth every single penny."



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Company Name: *(as it should be listed in our online and printed directory)*

Company mailing address: _____

City: _____ County: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Web site address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Key Contact Person: _____ Title: _____

Number of South Carolina Employees: full time _____ part time _____

Other South Carolina Locations? Yes No

If yes, please list other location cities: _____

Area of interest to your organization (Please check all that apply):

Legal

Environmental

Tax/Finance

Employee Benefits

Employee Relations

Human Resources

Safety and Security

Education

Community & Public Relations

Legislation & Government Affairs

Other contacts: *(HR Manager, Plant Manager, Communications, etc.)*

Name/Title: _____

E-mail: _____

Name/Title: _____

E-mail: _____

Name/Title: _____

E-mail: _____

Application completed by: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Qualifications for Membership: Any individual, firm, corporation, partnership or association who is supportive of the general purposes and policy statements adopted by the Board of Directors is eligible for membership in the Chamber.

Suggested membership investment amount may vary based on organization size and industry. For more information, contact our membership relations staff .

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