



ANDERSON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



## LOCATION IS EVERYTHING

There are many factors that can make or break a business.

Finding the right site, labor force, business community, research facilities and quality of life are just a few. Anderson County has all that and more.



# OUR SITES

## OUR SITES ARE SET

Anderson County has over 36 miles of Interstate 85 frontage, more than 30 possible industrial sites and multiple existing industrial buildings. We currently have six state-certified industrial sites ranging from 45 to 625 acres with plans to add more. Add to that more than 100,000 sq. ft. of incubator space available that is suitable for everything from manufacturing and warehousing to lab and office.

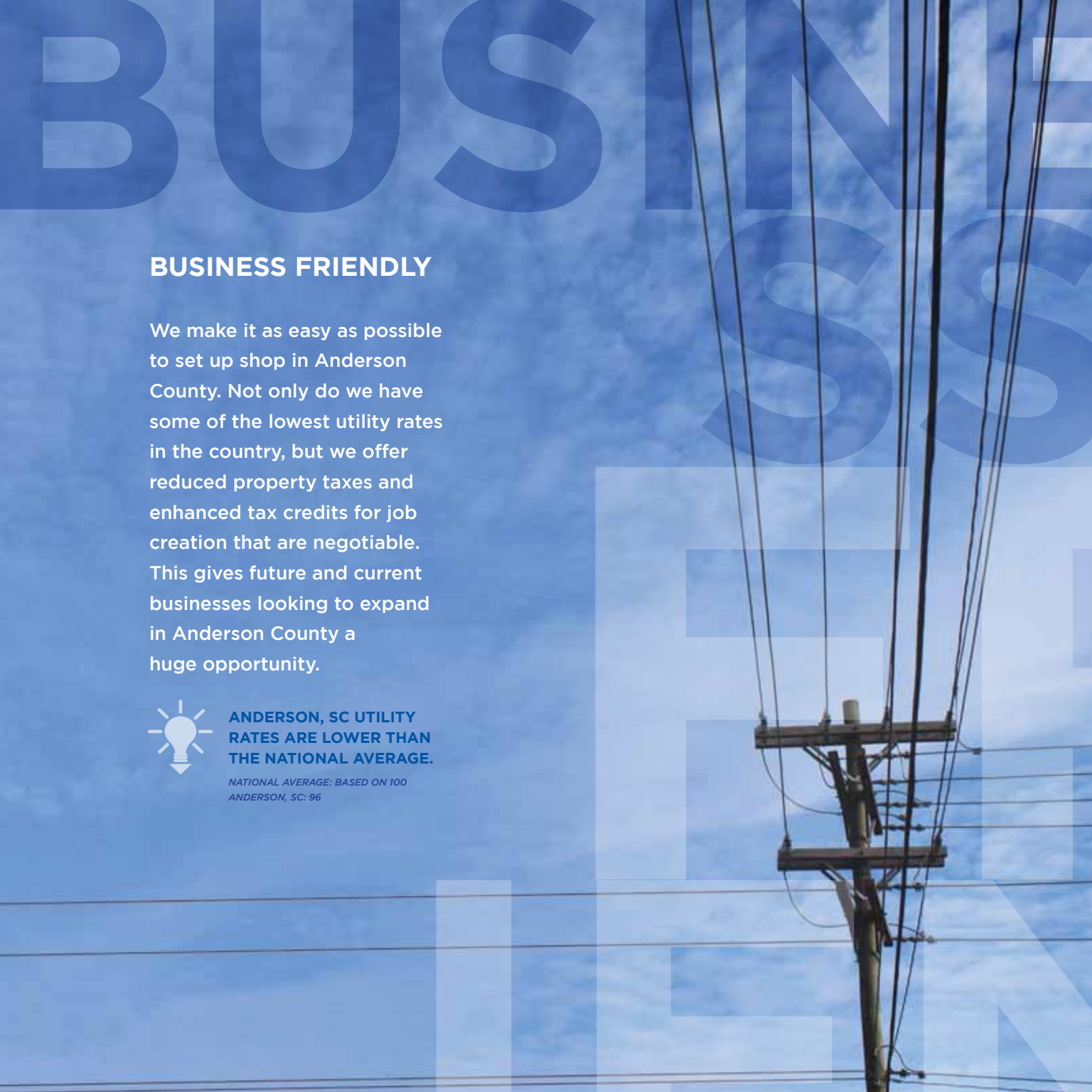


## GET YOUR BUSINESS CENTERED

We are centered between Atlanta and Charlotte on the Interstate 85 corridor and midway between New York and Miami. There are a variety of transportation and shipping options for your business. Anderson County is surrounded by three major airports: Atlanta Hartsfield (ATL), Greenville-Spartanburg (GSP), Charlotte Douglas (CLT). Anderson County is the Flight Base Operator for the Anderson Regional Airport. We are only a short drive away from the Port of Charleston, which is the 4th busiest container port in the nation. All major eastern U. S. markets are within two days' travel time for trucking, with overnight service available to most of the Southeast. We have two major rail lines - CSX and Norfolk Southern - and two short line rail service providers - Pickens Railway Company and Greenville & Western Railroad Company. This provides Anderson County with the unique privilege of having dual-serviced access to national rail lines.

A large freight train, led by a yellow and black locomotive, is shown from a low angle on a set of tracks. The train is moving away from the viewer into the distance. The background is a clear, bright sky, suggesting a sunny day. The tracks recede into the distance, creating a sense of perspective.

TRANSPORTATION



## BUSINESS FRIENDLY

We make it as easy as possible to set up shop in Anderson County. Not only do we have some of the lowest utility rates in the country, but we offer reduced property taxes and enhanced tax credits for job creation that are negotiable. This gives future and current businesses looking to expand in Anderson County a huge opportunity.



**ANDERSON, SC UTILITY RATES ARE LOWER THAN THE NATIONAL AVERAGE.**

*NATIONAL AVERAGE: BASED ON 100  
ANDERSON, SC: 96*

## ACCESS TO TOP RESEARCH FACILITIES

If you are in search of knowledge-based resources, Anderson County is the perfect place to look. Whether your need is to create stronger materials or integrate your data along a gigabit fiber optic connectivity point, you can find it at the Clemson University-Advanced Materials Center (CU-AMC). This 260 acre campus provides a platform and infrastructure base for companies looking to share resources with a top research university. The CU-AMC is also well equipped to support the rigorous demands of large scale computing in enterprise applications, infrastructure integration and data storage and transmission. Having one of the top electron microscopy labs in the United States allows companies and researchers to manipulate materials at the molecular level. There is also the new 24,000 sq. ft. Duke Energy Innovation Center - offering sites for high-tech companies focusing on optoelectronics, automotive technology and the biosciences. With an eye towards material manipulation, this campus offers multiple opportunities for secured research facilities, incubation, and long-term growth.



## SPECIALIZED WORKFORCE

Anderson County has low unionization and a diverse labor force which includes a high concentration of architectural and engineering talent, mechatronic specialists, team assemblers, metal workers, machinists and fabricators ready to staff your business. This is because we have 23 colleges and universities in the region, including Anderson University, Clemson University and Tri-County Technical College. We also boast a nationally-recognized state workforce training program - ReadySC™.



WORK  
FORCE



## **DIVERSE RANGE OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY**

Anderson County is home to more than 200 major manufacturers and 20 international companies representing such industries as automotive, metal products, industrial machinery, plastics and textiles. Household names dot our landscape like Michelin North America, Electrolux, Robert Bosch Corporation and Plastic Omnium, just to mention a few.

# WORK LIVE

## A GREAT PLACE TO WORK AND LIVE

Our cost of living is 10% lower than the national average, with plenty of affordable housing. We offer top-quality healthcare anchored by the AnMed Health System. Anderson County is also a great place to play, with cultural activities from local theater and orchestra groups to college football. We have over 84,000 acres of lakes, which breaks down to 1500 miles of shoreline. Lake Hartwell, Lake Russell, Lake Succession, and Broadway Lake are all perfect for fishing and boating. There's also amazing hiking trails and some of the area's most beautiful and challenging golf courses.



# FUTURE NOW

## THE FUTURE IS NOW

We're always looking toward tomorrow's innovation. Cutting-edge projects include Clemson University's Center for Optical Materials Science and Engineering Technologies (COMSET), which boasts the most advanced optical fiber fabrication laboratory out of any U.S. university. With capabilities to make active and passive optical glasses and fibers to telecommunications and military specifications, COMSET is well-positioned to support the needs of partner industries.



## SEE WHAT MAKES US DIFFERENT

To learn more about Anderson County and what it can do for your company, contact the Anderson County Office of Economic Development at 864.260.4386. Or visit our website at [www.andersoncountytoday.com](http://www.andersoncountytoday.com).

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