



LAURENS COUNTY
Development Corporation
SOUTH CAROLINA, USA

**20
25**

**ECONOMIC
IMPACT
STUDY** AND
**YEAR IN
REVIEW**

2025 Announcements

5

COMPANIES

250

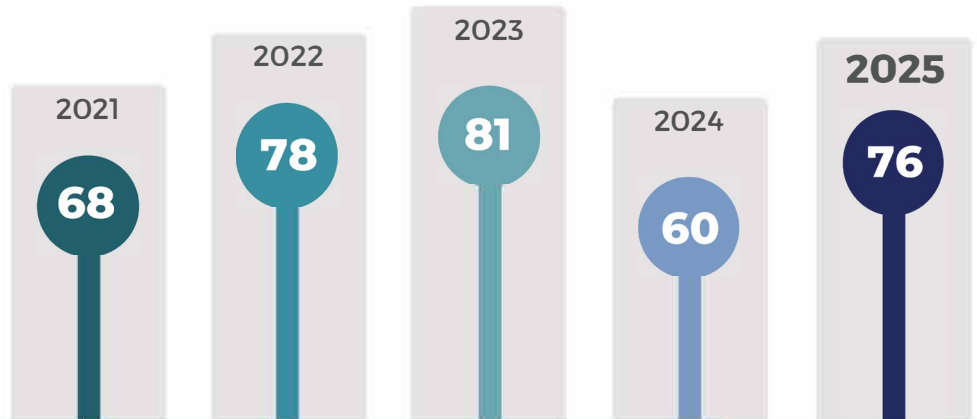
TOTAL JOBS

\$125.2
MILLION

TOTAL INVESTMENT

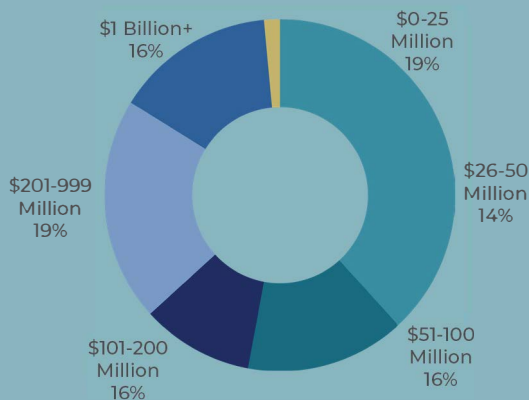
2025 RFI's

REQUESTS
FOR
INFORMATION



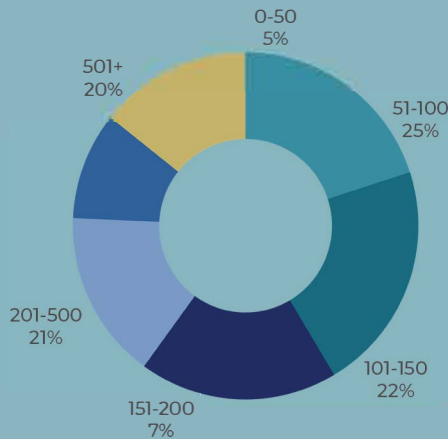
RFI PROJECT SIZE

Capital Investment



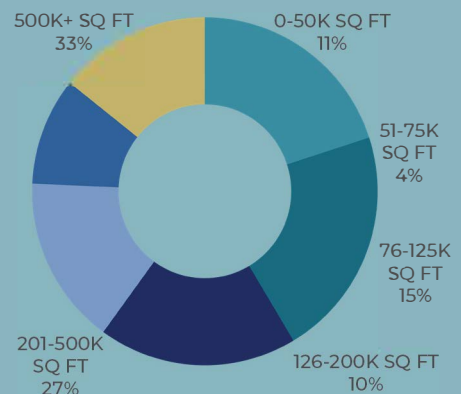
RFI PROJECT SIZE

Jobs



RFI PROJECT SIZE

Buildings



SITE ENHANCEMENT Award



Through the SC Department of Commerce's **Site Enhancement Initiative**, Laurens County was awarded **\$9.16 million** toward **infrastructure improvements at two industrial sites**—the **second largest award statewide**.

The Site Enhancement Initiative is a competitive grant program administered by the SC DOC and funded by the General Assembly to improve the readiness of industrial sites through land acquisition and infrastructure investments. In Round 11, \$80 million was awarded statewide to the most competitive projects following a rigorous evaluation process led by Site Selection Group.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

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LAURENS COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION



An overview of the comprehensive economic impact analysis conducted by the Division of Research team at the University of South Carolina Darla Moore School of Business



**\$2.8
BILLION**

Total economic impact from
site development
(2007-2025)



**\$3.7
BILLION**

Annual recurring economic
activity in Laurens County



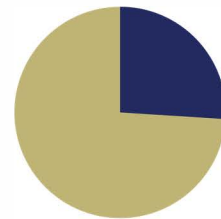
**7,639
JOBS**

Permanent jobs
supported countywide

**40%
HIGHER
AVERAGE
WAGES**

Jobs tied to LCDC-supported
activity pay an average of
\$71,906
nearly **40% higher** than
the county average.

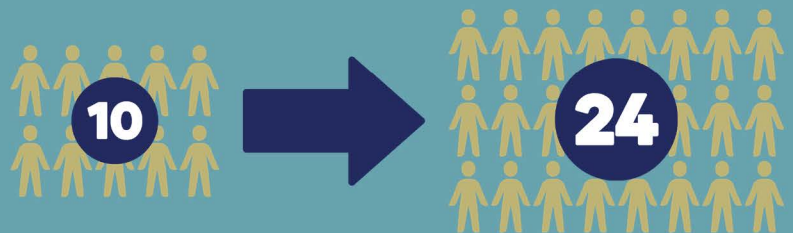
LCDC-AFFILIATED COMPANIES



Represent nearly
26%
of total county
employment



Across the 10-county Upstate region



EVERY **10** LCDC-SUPPORTED JOBS
GENERATE **14**
ADDITIONAL REGIONAL JOBS



Click here
to see the full
**Economic Impact
Analysis.**

This comprehensive impact analysis measures the full effects of **LCDC-supported business activity** on **Laurens County** and the **broader Upstate region**. Led by economist Dr. Joseph Von Nessen, the study evaluated direct, indirect, and induced impacts to employment, labor income, and economic output using region-specific input-output modeling.

2025 Investors

PARTNER INVESTORS



ADVOCATE INVESTORS



SUPPORTER INVESTORS

AME, Inc.
Bunnell-Lammons Engineering, Inc.
Carolina Power
Edcon, Inc.
Landmark Builders South Carolina
MCA Architecture

McMillan Pazdan Smith Architects
Messer Construction
Miller HVAC
S&ME, Inc.

SC Power Team
SC Department of Agriculture
Stevenson Weir Southern
Thomas Mechanical
Windsor Aughtry Company

2026-27 Board of Directors

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