

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE OF PICKENS COUNTY

MISSION

The mission of the Economic Development Alliance of Pickens County (Alliance Pickens) is to adhere to County Ordinance #95-225 Sec. 1;B. which states, "The Council seeks to promote and preserve job opportunities and increase the per capita income through high quality, environmentally sound recruitment (of new business and industry) and expansion of existing business and industry."

GOALS

- Continue to cultivate existing industry as premier job development and capital investment generators; continue to develop strong relationship with county's private employers and recruit two new industries to county.
- Pending strategic approval by county, assist them in identifying the next site location(s) for another industrial park, develop acquisition and development budget and identify funding sources. Secure the acreage, purchase and develop it.
- Construct the fitness trail in the Commerce Park.
- Design and implement a speculative building program for the Commerce Park.
- Perform site improvement in the Commerce Park through mass grading. Identify funding sources to cost shift the improvements.

PRIOR YEAR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Successfully landed the hybrid microelectronic circuitry project of St. Jude Medical. Defeated locations in Ireland, Sweden, Singapore, Puerto Rico, Arizona, Minnesota, California and Texas. Project will conservatively yield 300 jobs, a new 60,000 square foot facility and a very conservative \$10M in capital investment.
- Provided significant assistance to an existing confidential manufacturer, directly resulting in the company staying in, and continuing to invest in, its Pickens County operation. Forty additional full-time jobs were also added.
- St. Jude Medical opened its new 100,000 square foot facility in the Pickens County Commerce Park, retaining its initial 200 employees and adding 100 employees.
- Employment at The Reliable Automatic Sprinkler Company approached 650 employees. Reliable had only committed to hiring 300 employees.
- 1,300 actual and announced jobs in the Pickens County Commerce Park, and nearly 500,000 square feet of new construction, in diversified non-textile industries.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

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DEPARTMENT SUMMARY

	FY 2005 ACTUAL	FY 2006 ACTUAL	FY 2007 BUDGET	FY 2008 BUDGET
Personnel Services	\$ 207,102	\$ 264,695	\$ 283,973	-
Supplies & Materials	77,602	68,720	74,416	-
Contractual Services	34,718	47,458	48,815	-
Other	239,865	-	-	\$ 375,000
Debt Service	352,022	1,320,575	-	-
Capital	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 911,309	\$1,701,448	\$ 407,204	\$ 375,000
Total Positions	3	3	3	0