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DARLA MOORE

## MOORE TO ADDRESS REGION'S INDUSTRY LEADERS

### Darla Moore Will Speak at Alliance Event in Allendale

Alliance's Anniversary Celebration on Tuesday, May 22, at the University of South Carolina-Salkehatchie campus.

Mrs. Moore, a resident of Lake City, South Carolina, and New York City, has played a leadership role in public discourse on the issues of our changing economy, including the issues of alternative fuels, agribusiness, and workforce development.

According to Danny Black, President of Southern Carolina Alliance, "This event will commemorate a decade of evolving partnership in our region among the counties of Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, and Hampton Counties. We are fortunate to have this innovative leader from South Carolina who has been recognized nationally for her accomplishments in business, joining us for our celebration."

Darla Moore founded the Palmetto Institute in 2002 as a nonprofit think tank aimed at bolstering per capita income in South Carolina, and she serves on the boards of the University of South Carolina and New York University Medical School and Hospitals. The University of South Carolina's business school is

named in her honor and she is the first woman profiled on the cover of Fortune magazine and named to the List of the Top 50 Most Powerful Women in American Business. She has served on numerous corporate boards, including Hospital Corporation of America (HCA) and Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia. She currently serves on the board of The South Financial Group and MPS Group and the National Advisory Board of JP Morgan and was formerly a managing director of the predecessor Chemical Bank. She recently received the Business Person of the Year Award from the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce. She is a graduate of the University of South Carolina and has an M.B.A. from George Washington University.

"Mrs. Moore is engaged in the future of South Carolina's economy, and she understands the issues of rural economic development," said Southern Carolina Alliance Chairman Kay H. Still, "as well our desire to lead in the cutting edge technologies of alternative fuels, from bio-diesel to nuclear."

More than 300 industry and community leaders are expected to attend Southern Carolina Alliance's Anniversary Celebration. For more information, visit their website at [www.southern-carolina.org](http://www.southern-carolina.org) or contact Kay Maxwell at 803.541.0023.

## BIODIESEL COMPANY TO INVEST \$10 MILLION IN NEW ESTILL FACILITY Ecogy Biofuels Will Create 15 Jobs in Hampton County

A new biodiesel company in Estill, South Carolina will help change the way America produces energy.

Ecogy Biofuels will construct a multi-million dollar facility that will produce up to 30 million gallons of biodiesel per year and provide 15 jobs in Estill, South Carolina.

"Our company has international expertise, and we were impressed by all that Estill, Hampton County and the State of South Carolina had to offer," said Dr. Hal Wrigley, President of Knightsbridge Biofuels and Ecogy Biofuels. "Due to support from

Southern Carolina Alliance, Hampton County, the S.C. Department of Commerce, the city of Estill and other local resources, this area will become a shining example of alternative energy solutions."

According to Dr. Wrigley, several factors encouraged Ecogy Biofuels to locate in Estill. First, Estill and South Carolina are committed to training their highly skilled workforce and supporting local economic growth, which will ensure that the state remains competitive. Second, local soybean farmers have been supportive of Carolina Soya for many years. Third, Estill has an excellent rail sys-

## Biodiesel Company

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tem, as well as close proximity to the ports of Charleston and Savannah.

"For so many reasons, the partnership between our company and the local area will be a winning one," Wrigley said.

"Renewable fuels are good for the economy, good for the environment, and good for national security," said S.C. Commissioner of Agriculture Hugh Weathers, who spoke at the announcement ceremonies held at the Carolina Soya compound. "Cooperative efforts like this can help our state and nation win the war for energy independence while fueling agriculture, a significant economic engine for this state. I welcome Ecogy Biofuels to South Carolina's agribusiness family."

In addition to Commissioner Weathers, several statewide and local officials, including Congressman Joe Wilson, were in attendance at the groundbreaking ceremonies in Estill to demonstrate their support for the project, which will create jobs and more than \$10 million in capital investment in the rural county.

"The people of Hampton County have a great tradition of success in agribusiness, as well as a grand entrepreneurial spirit. Ecogy Biofuels is the type of project that will not only bring jobs to this region, but will also make Estill the home of cutting edge technology in the alternative fuels industry," said Congressman Joe Wilson. "We welcome Ecogy Biofuels and congratulate the people of the Southern Carolina region on landing this important project for the community."

"We have worked closely with Knightsbridge Biofuels, Carolina Soya, the Department of Commerce and the leaders of Hampton County over the last few months to facilitate this project. We believe that Ecogy Biofuels will prove that the evolution of agribusiness can be profitable to both industry and to the community," said Southern Carolina Alliance Board Director Carl Gooding. "Rural communities like ours can flourish by recruiting and fostering innovative technology such as alternative energy production while demonstrating that we can compete globally for industry."

"Knightsbridge Biofuels and Ecogy Biofuels are committed to making this facility a world-class model that will demonstrate that

biodiesel is the best choice as an alternative fuel not only in the future, but also as a commercial solution today," added Wrigley.

"The South Carolina Farm Bureau Marketing Association is proud to be associated with this project," said David Winkles, Farm Bureau President. "As one of the three main investors managing Carolina Soya, the addition of a biodiesel facility was a win-win situation. Carolina Soya is one of the top 100 businesses in South Carolina and we look forward to continued growth as we help Americans reduce our dependence on foreign sources of oil."

"We welcome Ecogy Biofuels," said Hampton Economic Development Commission Chairman William Small, "and we are proud that Hampton County has been chosen as the home to this alternative fuel facility, which will combine our rich history of agricultural products with cutting edge technology."

Ecogy Biofuels will be located on an integrated campus with Carolina Soya, which includes the existing soybean processing facility, a newly constructed soybean oil refinery and the biodiesel production facility.

Carolina Soya will provide the soybean oil for Ecogy Biofuels. Being located together will ensure significant savings for both companies. In addition, a new state-of-the-art steam-generation plant will supply the three entities with steam and provide significant energy savings.

Costs for construction, testing and initial operations of the biodiesel facility will exceed \$10 million. The facility also will house a complete research and testing laboratory that will support not only biodiesel production, but also the other entities on campus.

15 full-time personnel will be employed once the plant becomes fully operational, in addition to the shared employees with Carolina Soya who will assist in operations. Local residents will be trained and employed whenever possible.

"This announcement is another positive sign that our efforts to improve the soil conditions for business are working to create more new jobs and opportunity in rural South Carolina," said Governor Mark Sanford.



State and local leaders celebrate ground breaking for Ecogy Biofuels

# S.C. Advanced Technology Park In Snelling Selected for DOE's GNEP Siting Study

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has announced that over \$10 million will be used for 11 commercial and public consortia selected to conduct detailed siting studies for integrated spent fuel recycling facilities under President Bush's Global Nuclear Energy Partnership (GNEP).

"These facilities will enable us to effectively recycle spent nuclear fuel in a safe and proliferation resistant manner. They will set the technological standard and allow us to influence energy policy abroad while increasing energy security here at home," DOE Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy Dennis Spurgeon said. "With the negotiations complete, we are ready to proceed from an initial phase to one where actual studies can explore sites for GNEP-related facilities."

Award recipients, announced in November 2006, will carry out

siting studies to determine the possibility of hosting an advanced nuclear fuel recycling center and/or an advanced recycling reactor.

"Our position has been that we have one of the top sites in the country, and we are even more optimistic since we have been selected for the project siting study," said SCA President Danny Black. "The GNEP project could mean more than \$10 billion in capital investment and 5,000 jobs for our region."

Recipients will conduct detailed site characterization studies of the sites which were proposed in their Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) responses. Recipients will have 90-days to complete these studies and submit a Site Characterization Report to DOE on May 30, 2007.

Of the 11 sites, six are currently owned and operated by DOE.

*Sites, lead award recipients, and award amounts are as follows:*  
**Proposed Site Location/Teaming Consortia /Award/Amounts**

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|---|--|
| 1. Atomic City, ID EnergySolutions, LLC<br>\$915,448  | 7. Oak Ridge National Laboratory, TN<br>Community Reuse Organization of East Tennessee<br>\$894,704                            |
| 2. Barnwell, SC EnergySolutions, LLC<br>\$963,151   | 8. Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant, KY<br>Paducah Uranium Plant Asset Utilization, Inc.<br>\$664,600                           |
| 3. Hanford Site, WA Tri-City Industrial Development<br>Council/Columbia Basin Consulting Group<br>\$1,020,000 | 9. Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant, OH<br>Piketon Initiative for Nuclear Independence, LLC<br>\$673,761                     |
| 4. Hobbs, NM Eddy Lead Energy Alliance<br>\$1,590,016   | 10. Roswell, NM EnergySolutions, LLC<br>\$1,134,522  |
| 5. Idaho National Laboratory, ID<br>Regional Development Alliance, Inc<br>\$648,745                           | 11. Savannah River National Laboratory, SC<br>Economic Development Partnership of<br>Aiken and Edgefield Counties<br>\$468,420 |
| 6. Morris, IL General Electric Company<br>\$1,484,875   | <b>TOTAL: \$10,458,242</b>   |

GNEP is a part of President Bush's Advanced Energy Initiative, which seeks to reduce our reliance in imported oil by changing the way we power our cars, homes and business. For more information on GNEP, visit: [www.gnep.gov](http://www.gnep.gov). Additional information on the DOE's nuclear energy program may be found on [www.nuclear.energy.gov](http://www.nuclear.energy.gov).

## Bamberg Receives Housing Funds

The S.C. Department of Commerce has awarded Bamberg with a Community Development Block Grant of \$355,000 for housing rehabilitation on Broad Street and Elm Street. The money will be used to alleviate sub-standard housing and blight in these low- to moderate-income neighborhoods.

Statewide, about \$11.5 million in Community Development Block Grants have been awarded to 28 projects, which will directly benefit more than 18,500 low- to moderate-income people throughout the state.

CDBG projects are selected through a statewide competitive process. Local governments submitted grant applications to the S.C. Department of Commerce, which administers the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development grants. Local governments are responsible for providing matching funds of five to 10 percent.

Pictured below, left to right – Martha Whitaker - SC Department of Commerce, Nancy Foster – Bamberg City Council, Frances Johnson – Bamberg City Council, Buddy Sandifer – Council, Alton McCullom – Mayor, Betty Mack – Council, Nora Sanders – Lower Savannah COG.



# GNEP Educational Forums

## *Most Successful in the Nation*

SouthernCarolina Alliance and Energy Solutions, our corporate partner in the Global Nuclear Energy Partnership project, held educational forums across the region in April as part of the GNEP project site study. The collaboration between the Alliance and Energy Solutions resulted in a record number of participants for the educational forums, which were held April 17-19 in Yemassee, New Ellenton, and Barnwell. More than 250 citizens turned out to learn more about the GNEP program, which could bring more than \$10 million in economic development and 5,000 jobs to the region.

“We were so pleased with the interest our community demonstrated in learning more about the GNEP process and our corporate partner, Energy Solutions,” said Alliance President Danny Black.

“Not only did we have outstanding attendance at the forums, we received overwhelmingly supportive comments from the participants,” added SCA Chairman Kay Still.

The public educational forums are part of the GNEP siting process required by the Department of Energy. The forums were moderated by Stephen Hale of HaleStorm Communications and were led by SCA Alliance President Danny Black and Energy Solutions’ Alan Dobson, Senior Vice President for Fuel Cycle and Spent Fuel Management.

Mr. Dobson provided an informative overview of the GNEP process and Energy Solutions’ experience in the nuclear industry. Rich Smalley, Energy Solution’s Project Manager for the GNEP Barnwell Site, also participated in the educational program, which included hand out materials and a visual presentation prepared by Energy Solutions and SouthernCarolina Alliance. Both Smalley and Dobson answered questions from forum participants at each of the hearings.

“Our community is comprised of generations who have worked in the nuclear industry at SRS, so we understand the benefits of this project and fully support it,” said Black. “Our workforce is skilled in this industry and capable of handling a project of this magnitude.”

For more information on the GNEP project, visit [www.gnep.energy.gov](http://www.gnep.energy.gov).



More than 100 citizens attended the Barnwell forum.



HARRY CRISSY

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Through a new partnership arrangement with SouthernCarolina Alliance, Clemson University has assigned Harry Crissy as a County Extension Economic Development Agent for the SouthernCarolina region.

Crissy, who earned a Masters in Community and Economic Development from Pennsylvania State University in 2006, also earned a second Masters degree in Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Management from Penn State to assist him in his community development goals. In his undergraduate program at Penn State, Crissy majored in Hotel, Restaurant

and Institutional Management and minored in Recreation and Park Management.

Crissy will work directly with the Alliance as a community development facilitator, assisting the municipalities in Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, and Hampton Counties with master planning, grant writing, and downtown revitalization. Crissy will also assist the Alliance’s marketing director with lead generation research and special marketing programs.

Crissy has already begun working on the master planning process with Denmark and is participating in the master plan for the Town of Allendale. Crissy may be reached at the SouthernCarolina Alliance office at 803.541.0023 or at the Barnwell County Clemson University Extension office at 803.259.7141.

# REGIONAL STUDY AND PLANNING UNDERWAY

## Four Counties to Benefit from Economic Development Project

Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell and Hampton Counties, which comprise the SouthernCarolina region of South Carolina, will benefit from an intense, six-month long regional economic development assessment and planning effort by SouthernCarolina Alliance.

The project, made possible with financial assistance from the South Carolina Power Team, Santee Cooper and the state's 20 electric cooperatives, will include county and regional economic development strategic planning, target industry studies and development of an economic development marketing plan.

"Thanks to the foresight of these utility partners, we have the opportunity to work with some of the country's leading economic development experts in evaluating our area's assets and planning for future economic development and industrial recruitment," said SouthernCarolina Alliance CEO Danny Black.

Black said that the nationally renowned consulting team of Wadley-Donovan Group, Garnet Consulting, and Development Counselors International (DCI) has been selected to conduct the three-phase project.

"This team includes some of the premier consultants in

economic development, marketing, and industrial site location," said Black. "They will be working with our local industrial leaders, as well as statewide leaders such as the S.C. Secretary of Commerce and our state's utility and industry executives to evaluate and assist in planning for future development of our four-county area."

Black added that while SouthernCarolina Alliance continues to focus on industrial recruitment, such as the Kronotex and Grant facilities landed over the last few years, economic development is dependent upon product and community development and marketing.

"More importantly, about eighty percent of new jobs are generated by existing industry in any community," said Black, "so it's critical that we have the input of our local industries in planning for the future."

The project will include public meetings to receive input from the community, as well as individual interviews with local industry leaders. Industry surveys and interviews related to the strategic planning and target industry phases begin this month. The study should be completed in September.

## Workforce Initiative

Through a special workforce development grant, supported by our area's colleges and technical schools, our local industries and SouthernCarolina Alliance, members of the workforce in Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell and Hampton Counties can now be certified and trained for WorkKeys® at no cost.

The Workforce Development Skills Gap Closure Grant has been awarded to our region to assist in preparing our workforce for local and prospective industrial employment opportunities. SouthernCarolina Alliance partnered with USC-Salkehatchie, Denmark Technical College, Allendale SCOOTER-LRTA, Adult Education Centers, ESC-One Stop Centers, and the Rural Crossroads Institute of the S.C. Department of Commerce to secure and implement the grant for our area.

The WorkKeys® System is a job skills assessment test measuring real world skills and is commonly used as a metric to connect employers with job seekers.

According to SCA President Danny Black, in a recent study commissioned by The Palmetto Institute, some employers have expressed a preference for a job-seeker's possession of a WorkKeys® "card" over a high school diploma because employers recognize that a WorkKeys®-assessed job candidate has demonstrated the ability to perform at a prescribed functional or technical level.

"We are fortunate to have this opportunity," said Black. "We will work with the appropriate local and state partners to certify our workforce in the WorkKeys® System to better serve our local industries in their ongoing and expansion needs, as well as our incoming industries."

Those who qualify for the program include area high school seniors, dislocated workers, incumbent workers, high school drop outs, the underemployed and the unemployed.

The grant provides for free training and assessment in the WorkKeys® System and arranged job interviews. For more information on the program, contact Rhonda McElveen at 803.541.0023.

# Washington Savannah River Company Taps Sain



LEO SAIN

Mr. Leo H. Sain, a member of the Southern Carolina Alliance Board of Directors, has been appointed President of Washington Savannah River Company, replacing Mr. Robert Pedde as the top executive at SRS, effective April 1, 2007.

Prior to his assignment as WSRC's Executive Vice President – Management & Operations, Mr. Sain was Chief Closure Officer for the site where he was responsible

for all closure activities – including waste solidification, liquid waste disposition, soil and groundwater remediation, special nuclear materials disposition and final closure of the site's massive F Area complex.

Mr. Sain has an extensive background in nuclear facility man-

agement, operations and closure. He also was President and a founding officer of Washington Group's Safety Management Solutions subsidiary which has grown into the world's largest nuclear safety, licensing and operations consulting firm in just 10 years of existence.

Before joining the WSMS team, he moved through positions of increasing responsibility at WSRC – including key executive roles in the startup of the Replacement Tritium Facility, operator and supervisor certification for K Reactor restart program and leadership of successful operational licensing of many other SRS nuclear facilities.

Prior to working at WSRC, he served in nuclear operations at the Tennessee Valley Authority and Babcock & Wilcox's Nuclear Power Generation Division.

"We are fortunate to have industry executives of Leo's caliber serving on our Board of Directors," said Southern Carolina Alliance Chairman Kay Still. "Leo is a leader in his field, and his expertise will continue to be invaluable to us in the future."

Mr. Sain lives in Aiken, South Carolina with his wife Susan. He has three grown children.

## McElveen Named Workforce Development Coordinator

Rhonda McElveen has been named Workforce Development Coordinator for the Workforce Development Skills Gap Closure Grant for the Southern Carolina region. As Coordinator, McElveen will be responsible for implementation of the program and serve as a liaison to the program's partners, including Southern Carolina Alliance, USC-Salkehatchie, Denmark Technical College, Allendale SCOOTER-LRTA, County Adult Education Centers, ESC-One Stop Centers, and the Rural Crossroads Institute.

A graduate of the University of South Carolina, McElveen has over 25 years of manufacturing experience, including her service as manager of Olar Sportswear in Bamberg County, then as owner and manager of K&M Manufacturing in Barnwell. A leader in the apparel manufacturing arena, she served as a Member of the Board of Directors of the Southeastern Apparel Manufacturers Association.

A Paul Harris Fellow, Rhonda McElveen has been named Barnwell "Rotarian of the Year" for three years and has chaired the Secret Santa program for the Barnwell Rotary Club. She also serves as treasurer of the Barnwell County Arts Council, a member of the United Way board of directors, an Axis 1 board member, and a member of the Lions' Club. She recently completed the Southern Carolina Leadership program for 2006-2007.

Rhonda McElveen may be contacted at: Southern Carolina Alliance, 1321 Technology Drive, Barnwell, SC, 29812; by phone, 803.541.0023; or at [rmcelveen@southerncarolina.org](mailto:rmcelveen@southerncarolina.org). For more information on the workforce development grant program of work, visit our website at [www.southerncarolina.org](http://www.southerncarolina.org).



RHONDA MCELVEEN

## Program Helps Local Workers Improve Skills

With assistance of the Workforce Development Skills Gap Closure Grant program, employees of Delavan in Bamberg were able to participate in Basic Computer 101 Classes at Denmark Technical College to upgrade their computer skills.

Delavan's Human Resources Generalist Williette Staley contacted one of the program partners about workforce needs. She was then referred to our program coordinator, Rhonda McElveen. McElveen was able to coordinate with Stephen Mason, Dean of Continuing Education at Denmark Technical College, to provide a two-week computer class to Delavan employees to improve their computer skills during a scheduled production break in their department.

"We would like to commend these Delavan employees for making the commitment to use their available time to improve their marketable computer skills," said Workforce Development Coordinator Rhonda McElveen. "Twenty-two participated in the program, and thir-

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# Busbee to Chair Consortium

Harry Busbee, a member of the Board of Directors for Southern Carolina Alliance, has been named Chairman of the Export Consortium.

The Export Consortium is a private-public-academic partnership based in South Carolina. A non-profit, 501 (c)(3), in its eight years as an export multiplier, the Export Consortium has assisted over 600 clients in increasing their competitiveness in the global market place. The Export Consortium's services include client-specific research, training, and marketing assistance for small to medium enterprises, corporations, and economic developers and regional development agencies on global business issues.

Busbee, who is Manager of Community/Economic Development and Local Government for SCANA Corporation, leads a team that recruits new business and industry into South Carolina and the SCANA service area. He also coordinates community development activities and is responsible for local government liaison for all SCANA companies.

Prior to joining SCANA in 1988, Busbee served as Assistant Commissioner of Agriculture for the State of South Carolina. He has also worked as a Washington lobbyist and was executive director of two chambers of commerce in the state.

For more information on the Export Consortium, visit their website at [www.exportconsortium.com](http://www.exportconsortium.com).

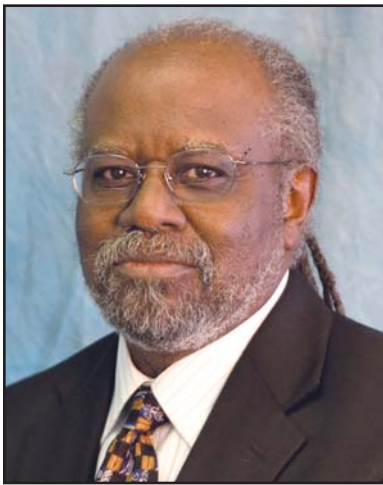


HARRY BUSBEE

## New Director in Hampton County

Dr. William Small, Jr., has been appointed Hampton County's Economic Development Director by the county council. A retired university professor and administrator, Dr. Small has served as a member and chairman of the county's Economic Development Commission and is a graduate of S.C. Economic Developers' School.

Small earned a Bachelor of Arts and Juris Doctorate from Howard University. From 1970 to 2001, he was associated with William Paterson University in Wayne, NJ, as a professor and administrator, serving as Dean of the School of Social Science and an Associate Vice President. A Vietnam veteran, Small and his wife now reside in the Hampton County community of Barkersville.



WILLIAM SMALL, JR.

## Still Elected Alliance Chair

Kay H. Still of Barnwell has been elected Chairman of Southern Carolina Alliance. Still assumed her duties as Chairman immediately following the Alliance's annual meeting, which was held at the S.C. Advanced Technology Park on April 24, 2007.

A former Senior Vice President with Regions Bank, Still retired earlier this year. In addition to her service on the Board of Southern Carolina Alliance, Still has served as Chairman of the Barnwell County Economic Development Commission, Chairman of the Barnwell County Chamber of Commerce, and State Chairman of the American Cancer Society.

At the annual meeting, members of the SCA Board of Directors also elected Johnny Williamson of Denmark as First Vice Chairman and Hugh Gray of Hampton as Second Vice Chairman.



KAY STILL

### *Members of the 2007-2008 Board of Directors for Southern Carolina Alliance are:*

Carl Gooding, Allendale  
James Pinkney, Martin  
Bobby Thomas, Fairfax  
Clair Guess, Denmark  
Isaiah Odom, Denmark  
Chris Wilson, Bamberg  
Jim Kearse, Barnwell  
Flowe Trexler, Barnwell  
Thomas Williams, Barnwell  
Hugh Gray, Hampton

Terry Wright, Brunson  
Margie Thomas, Walterboro  
Buck Harvey, Hampton  
Robert Connelly, Ulmer  
Dr. H.L. Laffitte, Allendale  
Johnny Williamson, Denmark  
Dr. Lee Monroe, Denmark  
David Cannon, Barnwell  
Robert O. Collins, Barnwell  
Kay H. Still, Barnwell

Dr. Afsar Waraich, Barnwell  
Craig Martin, Aiken  
Harry Busbee, SCANA  
Tim Dangerfield, Energy Solutions  
Senator Brad Hutto  
Mickey Parker, Hussey Gay Bell & DeYoung  
Leo Sain, Washington Savannah River Co.  
Jasper Varn, Bamberg

## Program Helps Local Workers

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teen earned their certificates of completion.”

Those earning certificates were: Sally Crosby, Kelvin Johnson, Leroy Sherman, Lillie B. Shepherd, Juanita Meeks, John James, Evonne Manigault, Paul Mack Orr, Darlene Martino, Henry Jones, Nellie Isaac, Darryle Richardson and Clarence Walker.

According to McElveen, “This is one of the ways in which we are seeking to bridge the gap between the needs of our local employers and our local workforce. This effort was a success, and we look forward to working with any of our local industries with a need for workforce enhancement.”



Pictured here are: Stephen Mason of Denmark Tech (far left) with Rhonda McElveen and Delavan employees who completed the basic computer course.

SouthernCarolina Alliance and Energy*Solutions* extend our sincere gratitude to the citizens of Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, and Hampton Counties who attended the educational forums on the GNEP project and the proposed S.C. Advanced Technology Park site. Your overwhelming support is another reason why our community is the best fit for this important economic development project. You are encouraged to send statements of support to the Department of Energy and the local delegation at the email addresses below.

### Department of Energy:

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### Senator Jim Demint:

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### Congressman Joe Wilson:

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