

# It's a new day for manufacturing in Lincoln County.



We're focusing on the growth industries that will give our county a competitive edge and our citizens a better quality of life. According to the National Association of Manufacturers, U.S. manufacturing is the highest contributor to economic growth, higher than any other sector. In Lincoln County, we're welcoming a thriving community of industries to support our economy with clean, modern operations and facilities that redefine what manufacturing is all about.

Lincoln Economic Development Association (LEDA) salutes the industries that have made their home in Lincolnton and Lincoln County. They may seem like hometown companies, but many have a national and international presence and represent six countries. We know the names. We use the products. And we can take pride in the famous brands and industry leaders located right here in our back yard.

## So what's in it for us? Everything.

Whether or not you're directly connected to the many exceptional industries of Lincolnton and Lincoln County, we all experience the benefits every day.

### Manufacturing helps to create

- A stronger tax base to provide needed community services
- More jobs with growth potential
- Corporate investment in our schools, families and neighborhoods
- Fulfilling career opportunities for the next generation about to enter the workforce, with wages 25% higher than non-manufacturing jobs<sup>3</sup>

- Jobs provided by industry as a group are the highest-paying in Lincoln County.<sup>1</sup>
- There are more jobs provided by manufacturing and distribution than any other category in Lincoln County.<sup>1</sup>
- For every \$1 manufacturing dollar spent, another \$2.68 is generated to return to the economy.<sup>2</sup>
- The search for skilled talent ranked as the #1 driver of manufacturing competitiveness.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Jobs EQ  
<sup>2</sup>National Association of Manufacturers  
<sup>3</sup>Deloitte Insights Report

## Lincoln Economic Development Association Congratulates the 2022-2023 Industry of the Year



We continue to recognize the important contributions of our manufacturing companies with private events throughout the month, including:

- IMA-sponsored Forklift Rodeo Competition
- Lincoln County student tours of local industries
- Lincoln County Industry Appreciation Reception

## Lincoln Economic Development Association appreciates our private members and our board for their continued support and commitment to economic development in Lincoln County. A special "thank you" to the City of Lincolnton and Lincoln County.

### Accountants

Sherrill, Blake & Harrison, CPA - Dana Harrison

### Advertising/Marketing/Printing

JK Enterprises, LLC - Jack Funk

### Architects/Engineers

Anderson REH, LLC - Tom Anderson  
CES Group Engineers, LLP - Judy Heleine  
ECS-Carolinas, LLP - Paul Blake  
Ground Technological Services, Inc. - Gary Gechter  
Mansour Edlin Consulting - Mansour Edlin  
Southern Engineering & Testing, PC - Rick Finnen

### Attorneys

Garfinkel Immigration Law Firm - Steven Garfinkel  
Jonas Law Firm - Rob Brown  
Knox Law Center - Eddie & Frances Knox

### Automotive

Abernethy Chevrolet - Mitch Abernethy

### Banking

Alliance Bank & Trust - Tracy Barger  
Carolina Federal Credit Union - Donna Beringer  
Fidelity Bank - Charlie Reep  
First Citizens Bank - Deanna Dula  
First Federal Savings Bank - Eric Hagler  
Peoples Bank - TJ Thomas  
Truist Bank - Jennifer Thomas  
United Bank - Will Wadsworth

### Civic/Community

LC Coalition Against Child Abuse - Sherry Reinhardt

### Commercial

Consolidated Electrical Dist. - Kurt Merrill  
Lail Electric Service, Inc. - Monte L. Lail  
Lincoln Bonded Warehouse - John Lineberger  
Warlick Funeral Home - L.D.(Bud) Warlick, Jr.

### Communications

Comporium

### Construction

Denver Construction Co. - Ryan Rhodes  
Hope Springs Builders, Inc. - Walter Clark  
Howard Construction - Tom Howard  
Myers & Chapman - Dene Dawson  
SC Hondros & Associates, Inc - Elizabeth Kleto

### Consulting

WSRR Consulting Group, LLC - Dr. Jim Watson

### Developers

Anderson Properties - John Anderson  
The Keith Corporation - Alan Lewis  
Piedmont Companies - Willie Heafner  
Prestige Corporate Development - Elizabeth Brown

### Education

Gaston College Dallas Campus - Dr. John Hauser  
Gaston College Dallas Campus - Luke Upchurch  
Lincoln Campus-Gaston College - Dr. John McHugh  
Lincoln Charter School - Dr. Jonathan Bryant  
Lincoln County Schools - Dr. Aaron Allen

### Golf/Country Clubs

Verdict Ridge Golf & Country Club - Scott Knox

### Hospitality

Vesuvius Vineyards - Jay Thompson  
White Rose Manor - Allison Gahrmann

### Individual

Jerry Cochrane  
Jim Beam  
Dr. Martin Eaddy  
Carl Henline  
Kim Phillips  
Joe Lampron  
Sharon Patton  
Betty Setzer  
Tony Simpson  
Rosalind Welder

### Industries

Actega - Trent Mason  
Active Concepts - Erica Batounis  
American Tire Dist. - Jamie Wilson  
American Woodmark - Tony Holifield  
Annihilare - Bill Bath  
Aptar - Kelly Crissom  
Blum, Inc. - Michael Geis  
Calico Coatings - Tracy Trotter  
Campbell & Sons - Ronnie Campbell  
Cargo Integrated Logistics - Mark Andrews  
Carolina Roller & Supply - Mack Harvey  
Cataler North America - Beverly Gilbert  
Cosette Pharmaceuticals - Mark Campbell  
Dellinger Precast - Dwight Lacelle  
FMS Enterprises, USA - Laura Reilly  
Henkel LIS - Kevin Frady  
Hood Container - Brian McFarlin  
HUBER Technology - Henk-Jan van Ettehoven  
Husky Rack and Wire - Gisella Busse  
Hydac - Michael Moin  
Industrial Hard Carbon, LLC - George Barr  
Kaco USA, Inc. - Emilee Summerlin  
Keltec - Lyndy Gardner  
Leonard Automatics, Inc. - Jeff Frushtick  
M Conley Company - Doug Edwards  
McMurray Fabrics - Mike Clark  
Modacam, Inc. - Bud Tschudin  
Nick's Trix - Nick Menudier  
punker LLC - Ryan Kilkelly  
Robert Bosch Tool Corp. - David Lee  
Spantek - Mike Gilboy  
Steele Rubber Products, Inc. - Joanna Shere  
Tenowo - Fred Stephenson  
Texture Plus - Brian Kampe

The Timken Company - Marty Hallman  
United Plate Glass - Mike Cully  
Unox, Inc. - Mark Klindera  
Utz Snacks - Diane Hogue  
LeeBoy - Mark Noble

### Insurance

Kale Insurance - Crayton Kale  
Paul Parker State Farm - Paul Parker  
Watson Insurance Agency - Neal Rhyne

### Investment/Financial Services

Chris Rhyne Financial Management - Chris Rhyne  
Edward Jones - Brent Reynolds  
Rhyne Financial - Joseph M."Jody" Rhyne III

### Medical

Advanced Family Eye Care - Dr. Amanda Barker  
Austin Dentistry - Dr. Jonathan Austin  
Austin Orthodontics - Dr. Steven M. Austin  
Carolina Eye Care - Dr. Scott Nishek  
Atrium Health Lincolnton - Teresa Watson  
Dedmond Family Dentistry - Drs. Keith & Brian Dedmond  
Hamilton & Whitecotton Orthodontics - Dr. Todd Hamilton  
John L. Cloninger, DDS, PA - Dr. Les Cloninger  
Lincolnton Animal Hospital - Dr. Karen Miller

### Real Estate

Allen Tate Corporate - Chuck Gaspar  
Apple Realty - Marsha Jordan  
Clark Properties, Inc. - David Clark, Jr.  
Gilleland Realty, Inc. - John Gilleland, Jr.  
House of Harmon Real Estate - Sarah Harmon  
T & T Investments - Lloyd Trotter  
MECA - Doug Core

### Retail

House of Awards - Kim Deneault  
Kennedy Office - Bo King

### Staffing

BBSI - Tucker Smith  
Express Employment Professionals - Kevin Roberge  
NESCO Resource - Gabriela Garita

### Trucking/Logistics

Catawba Truck Rental - Danny Abernathy  
Drake Enterprises - Stephen Brusso  
SEACORP - Myra Heavner

### Utility

Duke Energy Carolinas - Tammy Whaley  
EnergyUnited - Brett Alkins  
Piedmont Natural Gas - Jerry Roberts  
Rutherford EMC - Randy Ward  
Times Oil - David Boyd



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Thanks to manufacturing, we're creating more than jobs.  
**We're creating a future.**

October is Industry Appreciation Month



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