
Primesouth Inc. Announces Investment and Growth in Fairfield County

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RIDGEWAY and COLUMBIA, S.C. – October 28, 2008 – Fairfield County, the Central S.C. Alliance and the Department of Commerce announced that Primesouth Inc. will locate its corporate headquarters, operations and maintenance business and its newly created sister company, Primesouth Trade Services LLC, in the Walter B. Brown II Industrial Park in Ridgeway. The company will invest \$1.68 million in the construction of office space and a training facility and will employ 400 people over the next five years. Primesouth will break ground in early 2009 and plans to begin operations in Fairfield County in mid-2009.

“Primesouth is looking forward to our move to the Fairfield County area in 2009. Our goal is to bring much needed job opportunities to the county through our training school which will provide the technical skills required for the jobs we will also provide,” said Dean Bain, president, Primesouth Inc.

Primesouth Inc. provides operating and maintenance services for power generating, utility and industrial facilities. The company has successfully grown its business and created a new sister company, Primesouth Trade Services (PTS). PTS will provide skilled labor support specializing in welders, pipefitters, millwrights and other industrial construction and maintenance trades. The Fairfield County location will serve as the training site for these skilled craftsmen. The PTS model is designed to train and certify craftsmen, ensuring that the company can meet its customers’ needs.

“We are excited to have a company of Primesouth’s caliber choose to grow its business in Fairfield County. The location of Primesouth Inc. and PTS in Fairfield County provides a unique opportunity for the citizens of the county. Not only will the company create employment opportunities, but it will also provide an opportunity for employees to participate in high level training to elevate their skill set; thus, exponentially increasing their earning potential,” said David Ferguson, Fairfield County Council Chairman.

Central South Carolina Alliance Chairman Jim Apple said, “We congratulate Primesouth Inc. and Fairfield County on today’s announcement. These new skilled jobs will certainly compliment the region’s growing energy cluster. Primesouth’s positive experience in Fairfield County further demonstrates the solid business environment that exists here in Central South Carolina.”

“With more than 20 years of expertise in the energy industry throughout the nation, Primesouth understands the business of owning, operating and maintaining power plants. Primesouth will create new opportunity in Fairfield County by training individuals to be placed in skilled professions such as welders, pipefitters and millwrights. These skills are in high-demand and

Primesouth's significant expansion of its workforce with 400 new jobs will serve to benefit the local community in the years ahead," said Joe Taylor, Secretary of Commerce.

For more information about Primesouth Inc. or employment opportunities with the company, visit www.primesouth.biz.

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