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SC Works Sector Partnership Grant

We are thrilled to announce that the *Upstate Workforce Board*, on behalf of the *Greenville, Upper Savannah, Upstate, and WorkLink Local Workforce Development Areas*, has been awarded a Sector Partnership grant from the *South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce* to support our ongoing Sector Strategies projects and programs and to develop new initiatives.

With this funding, we will develop industry-led solutions to complex issues, bolster the talent pipeline, close the middle skills gap, improve training development for key roles, and invest in the future of business across fourteen counties. This grant will help sustain the work of our flagship Sector Partnership, the *Upstate Manufacturing Network*, as well as found two additional Sector Partnerships serving Logistics and Distribution as well as Construction and Skilled Trades.

This Sector Partnership grant award is a recognition of our continued commitment to creating a more sustainable and inclusive ecosystem for employers and working families across our region. We are grateful for the opportunity to collaborate with the *South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce* to continue achieving our goals. Further we are excited to continue our partnerships with local leaders in economic development, education, and workforce development.

We would like to extend our thanks to the following individuals who have supported us through this process: Ann Angermeier and Dana Wood of the *Upstate Workforce Board*, Dean E. Jones and Eva Anagnostis of the *Greenville County Workforce Development Board*, Ann Skinner of the *Upper Savannah Council of Governments*, Jennifer Kelly of the *WorkLink Workforce Development Board*, and Ryan Collins of *SC Works Greater Upstate*. We look forward to sharing updates on our progress and impact in the coming months.

For more information on our programs and funding sources as it relates to the Stevens Amendment, please visit our website at <https://www.upstateworkforceboard.org/stevens>

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