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New market leads to expansion for AEC



<http://scbiznews.s3.amazonaws.com/1299784498-AEC-expansion.jpg> Automation Engineering Corp. will expand its existing operations in Greenville County, a \$6.1 million investment expected to generate 78 jobs over the next five years. The expansion will help AEC serve the oil industry, a new market for the company. Hiring begins in May.

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“We are pleased to move forward with our plans to grow in Greenville,” said AEC President Gary Foster. “This expansion will allow us to grow our market share while continuing to offer top-notch service to our existing customers. Greenville has provided an excellent home for our business over the years, and we appreciate all the support we have received from state and local officials.”



<http://scbiznews.s3.amazonaws.com/1299784499-AEC-expansion.jpg> The expansion at 110 Smith Road in Greenville will include research, development, design and manufacture of capital equipment to produce tubular products for the oil industry, a new market for the company. The company already serves companies globally in the automotive, health care, pharmaceutical, food and beverage, and metals markets, as well as other segments of the broader energy industry.

“Automation Engineering Corporation's \$6 million investment, expansion and additional jobs are great news, and we're going to celebrate because, when businesses we already have can expand, it means we're doing everything right for business development in our great state,” said Gov. Nikki Haley.

The company's current facility is 60,000 square feet, and the company expects to add space to the building over the next five years.

"Their decision to expand operations and to add dozens of quality-paying jobs here is an important affirmation of this area's focus on developing our advanced manufacturing and engineering clusters," [Greenville Area Development Corp. \(file:///L:/Editorial/GSA Business Editorial/DAILY/Thursday/Greenville%20Area%20Development%20Corporation\)](file:///L:/Editorial/GSA%20Business%20Editorial/DAILY/Thursday/Greenville%20Area%20Development%20Corporation) Chairwoman Jo Hackl said. "As an innovation-driven organization with blue-chip clients and global opportunities in numerous industries, Automation Engineering is a prized member of the Upstate business community."

The company will begin hiring for the [positions \(http://www.teamaec.com/employment-opportunities.html\)](http://www.teamaec.com/employment-opportunities.html) in May.

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