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Dorchester County Announces Public Meeting for Lean Manufacturing Program

SUMMERVILLE, S.C. (May 21, 2018) – Dorchester County will hold three drop-in public information meetings for residents interested in participating in the lean manufacturing program.

Dorchester County is implementing the program in support of existing industries to fill the labor pipeline with qualified applicants who lack manufacturing experience. The certificate serves as the equivalent of one year of manufacturing experience. This unique training will equip one hundred Dorchester County residents who have never worked in industry with a basic, entry level understanding of the manufacturing process.

Dorchester County residents who are interested in enrolling in the program must attend one of three drop-in meetings. The first meeting will be held from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM on Saturday, June 2nd in the auditorium at Summerville High School located at 1101 Boone Hill Road.

Registration is required. Dorchester County residents who would like to attend the June 2nd meeting can register via the provided link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dorchester-county-lean-manufacturing-certification-informational-meeting-tickets-46067553292>

Additional meetings will be held on Saturday, June 23rd at Ashley Ridge High School and Saturday, June 30th at Woodland High School. *Note: Registration links for the additional meetings will be provided at a later date.*

South Carolina Secretary of Commerce, Bobby Hitt, said “as the Palmetto State inches closer to full employment, Team South Carolina's mission to develop a robust, well-trained workforce becomes even more important, and events like these upcoming Dorchester information meetings assist to further expand our reputation as a state with innovative workforce solutions.”

County Council Chairman, Jay Byars, echoed Secretary Hitt’s remarks, adding “the Lean Manufacturing Certification is a new accelerated training opportunity that is being recognized as one year of manufacturing experience by industries in Dorchester County and across the tri-county area. This will be a game changer for those individuals who are interested in making a career in manufacturing, and Dorchester County is proud to offer this opportunity.”

Classes will begin on Monday, July 16th and run through Tuesday, August 9th at the Trident Technical College Main Campus in North Charleston and the Dorchester County QuickJobs Training Center in St. George.

For more information on the public meetings and/or the Lean Manufacturing Certificate Program please contact Dorchester County Economic Development at (843) 875-9109.

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