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New SC Works WorkLink Employment Center Locations to Access Job Seeker and Employer Services

(Pendleton, S.C. – June 26, 2013) - The WorkLink Workforce Investment Board announces a new way for employers and job seekers to access employment and training services through the SC Works WorkLink Employment Centers in Anderson, Oconee, and Pickens Counties beginning July 15, 2013.

As a result of the U.S. Department of Labor sequestration and budget cuts, the South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce introduced a new model for unemployment insurance delivery that went into action on June 10, 2013. This change led the WorkLink Workforce Investment Board to make strategic decisions on how best to deliver employment and training services to the public.

Services for employers and job seekers will be re-located from the Seneca SC Department of Employment and Workforce building located at 11091 North Radio Station Road to the Tri-County Technical College QuickJobs Development Center located at the Oconee Campus at the Hamilton Career Center in Seneca.

The same services will also be re-located from the Liberty SC Department of Employment and Workforce building located at 317 Summit Drive to the Tri-County Technical College QuickJobs Development Centers located at the Easley Campus. All services will be officially re-located and available to the public on July 15, 2013. Hours of operation for the new locations will be 8:30am – 5:00pm, Monday through Friday (except for major holidays).

All services offered in Anderson will remain at the SC Department of Employment and Workforce building located at 309 West Whitner until early fall of 2013. The WorkLink Workforce Investment Board plans to re-locate job seeker and employer services offered at the West Whitner Street address to the Tri-County Technical College QuickJobs Development Center located at the Anderson Campus upon its official opening in October 2013.

Additionally, a centrally-located comprehensive SC Works WorkLink Employment Center offering expanded services will be located in Clemson. The anticipated opening of the centrally located SC Works WorkLink Employment Center is also slated for fall of 2013.

Employers and claimants seeking information on Unemployment Insurance may access services by calling the toll free number: 1-866-831-1724 or by visiting: www.mybenefits.dew.sc.gov. No in-person UI services will be provided at the recently announced Liberty UI Call Center.

Job seekers visiting any of the SC Works WorkLink Employment Centers will be able access the following services: job placement assistance; information on career paths and opportunities; internet access; workshops; resume writing; fax/phone access; career counselors; training opportunities; and community resources for those in need.

Employers needing assistance with finding qualified workers will be able to access through the SC Works WorkLink Employment Centers locations the following services: interview facilities; employee recruitment and pre-screening of job applicants; access to labor market information; referrals to sources for developing customized training programs, business start-up, expansion, and retention; information on Trade Adjustment Act (TAA) and certification; information about incentives such as On-the-Job Training programs, tax credits for new hires, and federal program information on Federal bonding; and other employer services as needed.

The following shows the new satellite and comprehensive center locations including the projected dates that services will be available. Services will continue at the current SC Works WorkLink Employment Centers in Anderson, Seneca, and Liberty through the dates mentioned below.

Tri-County Technical College Anderson Campus Quickjobs Development Center 511 Michelin Blvd Anderson, SC (October 2013)	Tri-County Technical College Oconee Campus Quickjobs Development Center 100 Vocational Drive Seneca, SC (July 15, 2013)	Tri-County Technical College Easley Campus Quickjobs Development Center 1774 Powdersville Road Easley, SC (July 15, 2013)
Senator Billy O'Dell Learning Center Watkins Community Center 204 South Main Street Honea Path, SC 29654 (July 15, 2013)	SC Works WorkLink Employment Center 1376 Tiger Blvd Clemson, SC (September 2013)	

Access Points for job search services are also available at local libraries, adult education centers, and other community centers. Access Points offer access to a computer, through which job seekers will find online links to the several of the core services or job seeker services available at SC Works WorkLink Employment Centers in Anderson, Oconee and Pickens Counties.

Official Access Point locations include Anderson County Library System, Oconee County Public Library System, Pickens County Library System, United Way of Pickens, Goodwill Job Connection of Anderson, Pickens County Adult Education, Oconee County Adult Education, Anderson County Adult Education – Districts 1 & 2, Anderson County Adult Education – District 3, 4, & 5, and Anderson Interfaith Ministries.

WorkLink Workforce Investment Board (WIB) is an organization governed by a volunteer board of directors who are responsible for developing policy and overseeing workforce development initiatives in partnership

with local service providers. Empowered by the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, WorkLink develops the link between employers and the workforce in Anderson, Oconee and Pickens counties. WorkLink is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

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