| Retirees \$100 | Individuals \$250 | Companies \$500 | Non-Profit Organization \$250 | Affiliate Members \$500 (Out of County) |   | Please submit this information to: | 125 Regional Parkway, Suite 100<br>Orangeburg SC 29118-8607 |
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|                |                   |                 |                               |   | a Partner at the level indicated above: | New membership                     | Check enclosed  |
|                |                   |                 |                               |   | as a Pa                                 | or                                 | o   |
| Company        | Address           |                 | Contact                       | Phone #                                 | Yes, I want to be involved as           | Renewal                            | Please bill me  |

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## Be Invested Join the Partnership

# The Orangeburg County Economic Development Partnership

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#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

Enhance economic development in Orangeburg County by bringing to bear the resources of a unified business community leadership on targeted issues.

#### Dear Prospective Member:

It is our privilege to invite you into the membership of the Orangeburg County Economic Development Partnership. Our goal remains to improve the quality of life for all Orangeburg County residents by encouraging the economic development and well-being of the County of Orangeburg.

In the past, The Partnership has been instrumental in the successes of the Orangeburg County Development Commission by providing project support, funding and leadership. The Partnership is a diverse organization and lends itself to many economic development opportunities.

We would like you to become a "partner" for many reasons. First and foremost, because we believe you can add tremendous value to our organization. The fastest growing communities in South Carolina are using some variation of the public-private development vehicle. Let's not be left behind.

Orangeburg County has grown tremendously in recent years and there is much more growth to come. The Partnership can be the vehicle that helps to stimulate this growth.

Please consider becoming involved today. Fill out the application and return to us as soon as possible. Thanking you in advance for what this can mean for Orangeburg County,

The Partnership

#### ORANGEBURG COUNTY

#### **Current Facts**

Area = 1,111 sq. miles Population ('17 Estimate) = 91,939 Workforce ('17 Estimate) = 34,905 Average Unemployment (2018 average) = 6.9

#### **Quality of Life**

Orangeburg County is steeped in a rich history as one of the oldest established counties in the Palmetto State. More than three dozen listings dot the National Registry of Historic Places. The county seat of Orangeburg, also called the "The Garden City", is brought to life by the Edisto Memorial Gardens with its showcase of 175 acres of azaleas, roses, and other floral fares, along with the annual Orangeburg Festival of Roses. The Grand American Coon Hunt, the largest field trail for coon dogs in the U.S. and qualifying event for the World Coon Hunt, has been rounding up dogs for competition for over 50 years. Santee Cooper Lakes and Edisto River provide opportunities for fishing, boating and other waterfront activities. And with the warm summer days

that our state provides, you can cool off at the Orangeburg County Aquatic Park.



#### **CONTRIBUTIONS**

#### **Project Support**

- Partnership members frequently meet with representatives from prospective companies that are interested in locating their businesses to Orangeburg County
- On several occasions The Partnership has provided temporary housing for new industry personnel relocating to Orangeburg County

#### **Funding**

- Room benefactor in Development Commission Headquarters
- Provides funding for economic development projects through an annual financial commitment

#### Leadership

- Two Partnership Board Members sit as ex-officio members on the Orangeburg County Development Commission Board of Directors
- The Partnership is afforded input on decision-making issues

#### **Opportunity**

- · Foundation-based loans
- Inclusion on preferred Vendors List
- Access to networking opportunities

#### **Diversity**

- There is representation within the Partnership from all areas of the county
- Affiliate members, representing various professional organizations from outside our County, are also welcome