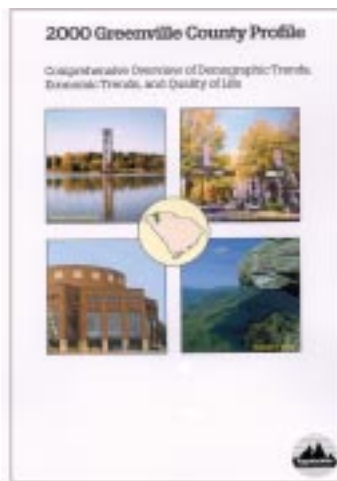


County Economic Profiles Get A New Look for 2000!

Some say, “You can’t judge a book by its cover,” but the new 2000 County Profiles prove the opposite. For the first time in the history of these publications, a composition of carefully selected color photographs has been incorporated into the cover of each County Profile. Each composition consists of four photographs that collectively represent the character of the individual county. For instance, Greenville County is represented by photographs of The Peace Center, Furman University, downtown Greenville, and Caesar’s Head. Pickens County is represented by photographs of Clemson University’s Tillman Hall and Memorial Stadium, Table Rock and Lake Jocassee. Preliminary feedback has been very positive, since many of the region’s economic development agencies utilize these County Profiles as their official marketing tools.

In addition to the newly enhanced covers, information previously not included in the Profiles has also been incorporated into the 2000 editions. Among this new information are tables containing data from Claritas, Incorporated. Claritas, a private corporation founded in 1971, is an experienced provider of a wide range of databases. Claritas uses statistical models to project demographic data beyond known census counts. In most cases, these tables provide information extrapolated for the year 1999, whereas similar tables compiled entirely from U.S. Census Bureau data do not provide information beyond 1990. For this reason, users of



the Claritas tables find them a very useful source of reference information. Readers are strongly cautioned, however, that Claritas information should not be regarded as “official” data, and therefore should never be included in official documents that require government-sourced information.

Also included for the first time in the Quality of Life section is information on the public library system of each county. Still included in each publication are numerous statistical tables based on data from agencies such as the U. S. Census Bureau, U. S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, S. C. Employment Security Commission, and the State Data Center.

The Appalachian Council of Governments produces County Profiles annually for Anderson, Cherokee, Greenville, Oconee, Pickens and Spartanburg Counties. For more information, or to place an order for one of these publications, please contact the Information Services Department at

Older Americans Act Reauthorized!

Both Chambers Pass the Bill in the last days of Congress; \$125 Million Family Caregiver Support Program ready to be signed into law

After many years’ wait and the hard work and good faith efforts of many people, the Senate unanimously (94-0) passed the Older Americans Act Amendments of 2000. The Senate action came a day after the House took up and passed the measure with a 405-2 vote.

With the defeat (by a 25-69 vote) of an amendment by Senator Gregg that focused on oversight and accountability in the Title V program, the Senate passed a “clean” bill, i.e., the same measure that the House had passed the previous day bill. By passing identical measures, the usual time-consuming House-Senate “conference” to negotiate bill differences – which could not have been accomplished in the short time left before Congress adjourns – is avoided.

The bill includes the new Family Caregiver Support Services Program, authorized at \$125 million, and is now ready for President Clinton to sign into law. The White House has not yet indicated when that will occur, but most likely it will be some time after the November 7th elections.

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One-Stop Delivery Centers Established

The Workforce Investment Act calls for the establishment of One-Stop Delivery Systems in each local area. The Pendleton District Workforce Investment Board has located a Comprehensive One-Stop Center in the Anderson Job Service office. Three affiliate One-Stop Centers are located in the Seneca and Liberty Job Service offices and on the campus of Tri-County Technical College. All core services must be made available through the One-Stop Centers. Core services include the following:

- Determination of whether individuals are eligible to receive assistance under the Workforce Investment Act
- Outreach, intake, and orienting to the information and other services available through the one-stop delivery system
- Initial assessment of skill levels, aptitudes, abilities, and supportive service needs
- Job search and placement assistance and, where appropriate, career counseling
- Provision of employment statistics information, including the provision of accurate information relating to local, regional, and national labor market areas, including:
 - Job vacancy listing in such labor markets
 - Information on job skills necessary to obtain such jobs
 - Information relating to local occupations in demand and the earnings and skill requirements for those jobs
- Performance information and program cost information on eligible providers of training services and eligible providers of youth activities; providers of adult education; providers of post secondary vocational education activities; vocational education activities available to school dropouts; and providers of

vocational rehabilitation program activities

- Information regarding how the local area is performing on the local performance measures
- Accurate information relating to the availability of supportive services, including child care and transportation available in the local area, and referral to such services as appropriate
- Information regarding filing claims for unemployment insurance
- Assistance in establishing eligibility for:
 - Welfare-to-Work activities, and
 - Programs of financial aid assistance for training and education programs
- Follow-up services, including counseling regarding the workplace for 12 months after placement

Following is a listing of the numbers of services that have been provided by each center since July 1, 2000: Anderson – 5290, Seneca – 3021, Liberty – 1962, Tri-County Technical College – 1195. These are services provided, not individuals served. An individual may receive several services in one visit and

Development Corporation Approves Two Loans

The Board of Directors of the Appalachian Development Corporation met on September 22, 2000, and approved two loan requests.

Carolina Property Services, Inc., requested \$200,000 to assist in permanent financing for a new building in Greenville County. Carolina Property Services is a service company that pro-

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Governor Hodges Names Sam Griswold to Head New Health Initiative, Will Appoint Bill Price as New Head of DHHS

Governor Jim Hodges announced that he has reappointed Dr. Sam Griswold from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to head a new state initiative in children's health.

"I am pleased that Sam will continue to be a part of my administration's efforts to help children," Hodges said. "He inherited an agency that was confronted with many special challenges, including the rising cost of prescription drugs and increased enrollment in the Children's Health Insurance Program. Nevertheless, Sam relied on his considerable experience as a career state administrator to guide DHHS through this challenging time."

Governor Hodges will appoint William A. Prince of Columbia to succeed Griswold at DHHS.

"Bill Prince brings a wealth of experience in state government and health administration," Hodges said. "His experience with Medicaid and other federal health programs will enable him to help DHHS with the challenges the agency currently faces."

Prince is Special Counsel with Nexsen Pruet Jacobs & Pollard, LLP. He practices healthcare law with a concentration in Medicaid reimbursement and health regulations. From 1990 to 1997, Prince served as Vice President of Government Relations and General Counsel with the South Carolina Hospital Association. He served as a Special Assistant for Policy Development and Deputy Chief of Staff to Governor Richard W. Riley from 1978 to 1986.

Prince is a member of the Health Law Committee of the South Carolina

COG Assists State In Updating Consolidated Plan

The State of South Carolina is currently in the process of updating its five-year Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development as required for U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development funding. This plan combines the planning and application processes for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG), Home Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) programs. HUD funding for any project carried out in the non-entitlement areas of the state will be contingent upon the proposed project's consistency with the needs and strategies set forth in this document.

The Appalachian Council of Governments, along with the nine other COG offices statewide, is working with the South Carolina Department of Commerce to update the Consolidated Plan for the years 2001 through 2005. This plan will outline the state's needs, strategies and resources for addressing housing and other community development needs. Surveys to assess community needs have been mailed to every local government in the Upstate region, and two public input meetings are scheduled. The meeting dates and locations are as follows:

- Date:** 11/08/00
- City/Address:** Spartanburg, S. C.
- Location:** Ledbetter Administration Building, Room 257, Spartanburg Technical College
- Time:** 10:00 a.m.

- Date:** 11/08/00

- City/Address:** Pendleton, S. C.
- Location:** Board Room/Tri-County Technical College
- Time:** 3:00 p.m.

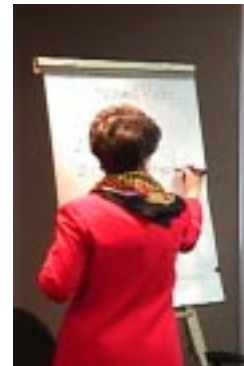
For additional information or to obtain a survey, please contact Dianna

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vides the storage, site erection, and staffing of display booths at public events and trade shows. The company recently contracted with the Cutter and Buyck Company to provide east coast warehouse services for Cutter and Buyck's products. Operating out of previously leased space, the new building allowed them to obtain the new contract and provides additional room for growth for Carolina Property Services. The funding was approved for 15 years. The total project is close to \$1,000,000, with The Palmetto Bank being the lead financing entity. Carolina Property Services expects to expand by at least six additional employees in the next two years.

Southern Wholesale, Inc., a Spartanburg County company, requested \$200,000 to assist in financing a building in Cowpens, South Carolina. First Citizens Bank is providing the primary financing. Southern Wholesale provides lumber brokering services and minor mill working to include the construction of shipping crates and pallets. Southern Wholesale has outgrown the leased facilities from which it currently operates. By purchasing the 50,000-square-foot building in Cowpens, the company will be able to bring its operations indoors and be able to expand its workforce. The \$200,000 was approved to be funded over 15 years. The company expects to expand by 8 to 12

Quiet! Shush! Keep It Down! Pickens County Library Training



You won't catch a Pickens County librarian talking this way. On Columbus Day, while so many others were enjoying a day off, 39 Pickens County Librarians spent the day in meetings, and that included a Customer Service refresher course taught by ACOG's Debra Brown.

Professional librarians are in the business of educating and assisting the public. They are constantly looking for newer and better service techniques, but who says the training has to be dull? Through the use of interactive exercises, a video, and thought provoking activities, ACOG was able to help out the good people of the County library system.

For further information on a variety of training programs and group facilitation services, please call ACOG's Donna

The Town of Pacolet Receives Enhancement Grants

Town officials in Pacolet, S.C., recently received a S. C. DOT Enhancement Grant for a gateway beautification project leading into the community. The project will include new landscaping along a two-mile stretch of U.S. Highway 176 in the Town of Pacolet and



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Calendar of Events

November 1	Senior Access Planning Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Columbia.
November 3	Summer School of Gerontology Planning Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Caring Connections, Columbia.
November 9	Aging Component Directors Meeting, 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., Council Training Room.
November 15-16	S. C. Conference on Aging, Sheraton Hotel, Columbia.
November 17	SC4A Meeting, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Caring Connections, Columbia.
November 30	Appalachia Region Silver Haired Legislature Caucus Meeting, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Rolling Green Village, Greenville.
December 8	COG Board of Directors Meeting, 10:30 a.m., Council Board Room.

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erecting gateway signs at the intersections of U.S. Highway 176 and S.C. Highways 9 and 150.

This project was one of 25 TEA-21 enhancement projects across the state that received over \$2.9 million in federal funding from the S. C. Department of Transportation. The cost of this project is almost \$32,000. The city will provide matching funds of \$7,600.

Pacolet's entrances will be improved with the planting of over 200 trees and the erection of gateway signs that will be landscaped with shrubs and daylilies. The project will provide a welcoming entrance to the community, as well as help to attract development to the newly annexed portion of Pacolet along U.S. Highway 176.

Chip Bentley, with the Appalachian Council of Governments, assisted the Town in preparing the grant application. For more information on TEA-21 Enhancement Grant opportunities, please

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