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LMC Announces New Strategic Partnership

The Lowcountry Manufacturers Council leadership recently announced an exciting new direction for the organization. At the July meeting, the **LMC Board of Directors voted to establish a strategic partnership with the South Carolina Manufacturers Alliance (SCMA)**. As part of this plan, the LMC named Jennifer DeWitt as the full-time executive director and established a new LMC office in North Charleston. The LMC leadership is confident that local manufacturers will benefit from this decision.

The LMC will continue to function and serve the membership just as it has in the past. The LMC's leadership, program of work and mission will not change, but will instead be enhanced. As a "regional council" within the SCMA, the LMC will have access to additional services, programs and resources. As an added benefit, **all LMC members will become members of the SCMA at no additional cost.**

The SCMA is a member-based organization focused on addressing legislative issues affecting manufacturers. Headquartered in Columbia, they provide a unified voice for the state's manufacturing community by seeking positive action in state government and supporting other manufacturing initiatives. SCMA's mission clearly aligns with the LMC's, and their legislative expertise and statewide perspective bring great value.



What does this mean for LMC Members?

- Full membership status in the South Carolina Manufacturers Alliance (SCMA)
- Ability to participate in the *Made in South Carolina* public awareness campaign
- Plant Manager and Human Resource Annual Meetings
- Southeastern Workforce Protection Conference
- Access to additional manufacturing programs and conferences
- Legislative updates and resources
- South Carolina's Shingo Prize for excellence in manufacturing award
- ...plus all the resources and benefits associated with being a part of the LMC, including programs and initiatives focused on local issues, and a local, full-time staff contact.



Learn more about the SCMA online at www.myscma.com, and the *Made in South Carolina* initiative at www.madeinsc.org. Watch for updates and more details online at www.lmcsc.org.

More information about this change will be provided to you in the coming weeks, including information about the SCMA programs, their mission and how you can take advantage of your new SCMA membership status. Please note that when you receive your LMC membership renewal invoice this year, your dues will be the same as last year. The LMC leadership feels confident that the return on your investment in the LMC will be dramatically increased through this alliance.



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Effective August 6, 2007, the Lowcountry Manufacturers Council will be in a new office. Please make a note of the contact information below and update your records. Thank you.

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Upcoming Events

The South Carolina Manufacturers Alliance has two important events scheduled for the Fall. First, is the **Human Resource Managers Division Meeting** where associates from around the State come together to discuss cutting edge topics and to network with their peers. Agenda items, always determined by the human resource managers themselves, have traditionally included subjects such as worker's compensation, controlling health care costs, union avoidance and much more. Moreover, the meeting always features both formal and informal opportunities for human resource managers to share best practices with their counterparts in other companies. Combining a quality program with outstanding fun and fellowship, this year's meeting promises to add value to the work in your facility. This meeting is being held **September 20 - 22 at The Marriott in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.**

Our second conference is the 2nd Annual **Southeastern Workforce Protection Conference**. This 2 1/2 day conference focuses on areas of human resources, safety, health, environment, and security. This conference will offer timely and specific training opportunities to plant personnel at all levels, who routinely work in these subject areas. The hallmarks of this conference will be quality, timeliness, applicability to daily plant work, low-cost, and convenience. **This meeting is being held October 9 - 11 at The Marriott in Spartanburg, South Carolina.**

For more information please visit the conference and events section at www.myscma.com, or contact Jessica Watts at 803-799-9695 or watts@myscma.com. We hope that you will take advantage of these informative events.

2008 Events

- February TBA **Lean Manufacturing Conference**
- March TBA **Plant Safety Conference**
- March 27-29 **Annual Meeting - The Sanctuary Hotel, Kiawah Island**
- April 16-19 **Plant Managers Division Meeting -The Marriott, Myrtle Beach**
- May TBA **SCMA Golf Classic - Musgrove Mill Golf Club, Clinton, SC**
- June 22-24 **Joint Fiber Buyers Division Meeting - The Marriott, Myrtle Beach**

LMC Member Hosts Health Fair to Promote Wellness for Manufacturing Employees

Almost one year after hiring a full-time wellness director and opening an onsite wellness center, Coastal Glass Distributors recently hosted a health fair for their employees. As part of the effort to raise awareness and to encourage proper health and nutrition habits among their employees, the company worked in partnership with Carolina Care Plan to host the two day fair. In addition to inviting their own employees, Coastal Glass invited all local manufacturers to attend the fair.

Coastal Glass Distributors wellness director Wendy Debona has had the task of managing the company's wellness center and programs. She noted that the health fair was another way to get people involved. "There are some employees that have not yet stepped into the wellness center, but they were lining up to attend the health fair." This is exactly what she was hoping for she noted – to get more people interested in their health.



The wellness fair included cholesterol screenings, blood glucose testing, body-fat density screening, healthy food samples, and stress-relieving, therapeutic chair massages. The fair was held on Wednesday, July 31 and Thursday, August 1.

In a recent Post and Courier article, Coastal Glass Distributors president Jack Hoey commented that, "Starting a wellness program is something I've been thinking about for the last couple of years. What's the goal? It's not just to reduce (medical and sick leave) costs, but to help people be healthier. A healthy work force is both good for the company and good for the people."

To learn more about the program and wellness center, contact Wendy Debona at (843) 552-6377 ext. 2221 or wdebona@coastalglassdist.com.

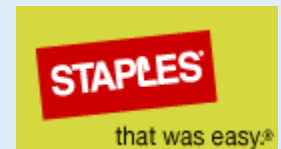
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LMC member companies can receive cost-savings, discounted pricing and specialized service through the Staples Business Advantage program. To learn more or find out how you can sign up, contact the LMC account representative listed below.

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Meet the Newest LMC Members



Leggett & Platt is a diversified manufacturer that conceives, designs and produces a broad variety of engineered components and products for customers worldwide. While Leggett & Platt may not be a familiar name to you, chances are you sleep on a bed made with Leggett components - box spring, innerspring, foam and fiber; relax in a recliner that has an L&P motion mechanism powering it; shop in stores that have products displayed on shelving made by L&P; barbecue on a grill that's made up of Leggett cast

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Leggett is the market leader in design, production and delivery of a broad suite of retail store fixtures, point-of-purchase displays, and storage products. Also, Leggett is the leading independent producer of proprietary chair controls, furniture bases and other components for office furniture manufacturers. Additional products include injection molded plastic components. Product groups include: Retail Fixtures, Point of Purchase Fixtures, Storage/Material Handling, Office Furniture Components, and Plastics.

The Leggett & Platt Store Fixtures Group is comprised of branch manufacturing locations across the nation and around the world, including the one located in Charleston. The facility is located at 4500 Goer Drive in North Charleston. Contact them at (843) 747-5724 or online at www.leggettsfg.com.



Pegasus Steel invested \$10.5 million in refurbishing the former Jomar Logistics building in Crowfield Corporate Center, where it is setting up advanced laser cutting equipment and a 1,500-ton press brake machine for bending massive steel plates. They will be in full production mode this fall after upfitting the Goose Creek site for its first U.S. operation. They were attracted to Charleston, in part, by the region's fast-growing military vehicle industry. Founded in South Africa, Pegasus Steel uses high-tech machinery to cut and shape steel plates.

Pegasus produces 80% of the transportation components manufactured in South Africa and is recognized as one of the most reputable sources of precision cutting, bending and forming of steel components. The company's Charleston facility will be larger and have more capacity than any other within a 1,000-mile radius. It will also have one of the world's largest laser-cutting capabilities on site.

To provide its cutting and shaping services here, Pegasus expects total employment to reach 80. Positions range from machine operators to quality-control technicians to truck and forklift drivers, and office support.

Contact Pegasus Steel at (843) 737-9900 or online at www.pegasussteel.com.



Global Aeronautica LLC is one of Boeing's 787 Dreamliner production and integration facilities in South Carolina. Global Aeronautica LLC, a 50/50 joint venture between Vought Aircraft Industries and Alenia North America, assembles and integrates components of the fuselage structure. The integration entails the joining of the fuselage sections and the installation and testing of the associated elements for sections 43-46. They are responsible for joining sections 47 and 48 together as one as well as sections 43-46 as one. Vought Aircraft Industries builds aft fuselage sections 47 and 48.

Located adjacent to the airport, Global Aeronautica operates in a new 334,000-square-foot facility where they assemble, integrate, test and apply surface finishes to more than 60 percent of the 787 fuselage. Global Aeronautica currently is constructing a facility for painting of the South Carolina-produced 787 product. This facility is expected to be complete and operational by October 2007.

A taxiway adjacent to the Global Aeronautica building was completed in December 2006 to accommodate Boeing's 747 Large Cargo Freighter which will be used to transport product from around the world for final assembly in Everett, Washington.



C.R. Bard - Medical Division is the market leader in urological drainage, with its Foley catheters and trays, urine drain bags, urethral catheters and trays, irrigation products, leg bags, male external catheters, and temperature-sensing catheters and equipment. Bard Medical is focused on diagnosing, tracking, and reducing nosocomial urinary tract infections (NUTI), resulting in better patient care and the reduction of costs associated with NUTI.

The BARDEX® I.C. Catheter, their featured product for infection control, is a "latex" catheter that incorporates Bard® hydrogel and Bacti-Guard® silver alloy coating, clinically proven to reduce the incidence of urinary tract infection. In addition, Bard offers several economic forecasting models to help hospitals predict cost savings through the use of the BARDEX I.C. Catheter and associated infection control products. The BARDEX I.C. System is currently in more than 1400 hospitals.

In addition to urology, Bard Medical provides a broad offering of skin and wound care products, wound drainage products, and a variety of specialty tubing products including suction catheters, feeding tubes, and nasogastric tubes.

In the Charleston region, C.R. Bard is located in Moncks Corner at 428 Powerhouse Road. Contact them at 843-761-8300 or online at www.crbard.com.

All new LMC members will be profiled in the LMC newsletter. Do you know a manufacturer who would like to be featured in the next issue? Contact Jennifer DeWitt at jdewitt@lmcs.org or 843-574-6300 with membership referrals.



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Save the Date!

**2007 Lowcountry Manufacturers Council
Annual Meeting & Dinner**

Tuesday, October 23, 2007

6 - 7 p.m. Cocktail Reception & Facility Tours

7 - 9 p.m. Dinner & Program

The College Center at Trident Technical College

Join us as we celebrate the new partnership with the S.C. Manufacturers Alliance and showcase the state's only campaign for manufacturing, "Made in S.C."

Invited Keynote Speaker: S.C. House Speaker Bobby Harrell
and addresses from the LMC and SCMA leadership



For more information or to register contact Jennifer DeWitt at 843-574-6300 or jdewitt@lmcsc.org.
Corporate tables and sponsorships available. Learn more online at www.lmcsc.org.