



An Economic Development Alliance Representing  
Lee and Sumter Counties, South Carolina

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Sumter and Lee Manufacturing and Industrial Community,

Sumter Economic Development and TheLINK Alliance is excited to recognize manufacturing and industry excellence in Sumter and Lee Counties. The Manufacturer/Industry of the Year Award recognizes manufacturers and industries for their contributions to our community.

A date, time, and location for the awards and manufacturers/industry recognition event will be announced after the application deadline.

Any individual or group may nominate a currently active manufacturing or industrial company in Sumter or Lee Counties. Company self-nominations are also encouraged. The selection committee will use **four criteria** to select the award winners.

- **The Company's Economic Impact on the Community:** examples may include, but are not limited to, demonstrated growth in new jobs, corporate revenues, and capital investments.
- **The Company's Commitment to the Workforce:** examples may include, but are not limited to, programs that have improved the quality of life for its employees, such as: employee education programs; diversity awareness programs; employee recognition programs, employee assistance programs, employee retention programs, and talent development initiatives.
- **The Company's Involvement/Contributions to the Community:** examples may include, but are not limited to: community volunteer programs, community environmental programs, company financial support for local programs/organizations, educational partnerships, and active participation with any of the following: Sumter Economic Development, Sumter EDGE, and/or TheLINK Alliance.
- **Company Awards and Recognition:** examples may include, but are not limited to: corporate/industry/association awards and recognition received for safety, quality, production, performance, and other applicable milestones.

Nominations should be submitted via <https://www.thelinksc.com/manufacturing-of-the-year>, mailed, emailed or delivered to:

**Brian Rauschenbach**  
**Economic Development Project Manager**  
**Sumter Economic Development**  
**10 E. Liberty St.**  
**Sumter, SC 29150**

**Deadline for entries is Friday, January 30, 2023.**

If you have any questions, please email me at [brauschenbach@sumtersc.gov](mailto:brauschenbach@sumtersc.gov) or call (803) 774-2434.

Sincerely,

Brian Rauschenbach  
Economic Development Project Manager

# Sumter and Lee County Manufacturer/Industry of the Year Application

Company Name:

Nominator (self nominations are accepted):

Contact Information, Address, Phone, e-mail:

Number of Employees:

Start Date in Sumter or Lee County, SC:

Product(s) Manufactured/Services Provided in Sumter or Lee County:

*To be considered, please provide a comprehensive written account with the following information for years 2020-2022:*

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