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PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS MAKE DOING BUSINESS

EASIER IN SOUTH CAROLINA

By: Secretary of State Mark Hammond

During my first 3 years in office, I have seen the tremendous results that can be achieved through partnerships with other public agencies and private sector organizations, and I'd like to share two examples that are having an immediate and positive impact on our business climate. 2005 was a big year for South Carolina Business, especially for small businesses, when a project that had been conceptualized over 5 years earlier became reality. South Carolina Business One-Stop, or SCBOS, begins a new era in the way we conduct business in our state. This new system streamlines access to government information, saves time, and removes bureaucracy – making government user-friendlier. Now prospective business owners can get most required permits and licenses from their home or place of business, and pay one fee at the end of their transaction simply by going online to www.scbos.com. SCBOS presents a series of questions to users that determine what transactions must be made, and with which agency, and then directs users through the necessary steps. This ensures all prerequisites are met in sequence before fees are paid, so that the user submits only the required applications during one convenient transaction. Businesspeople who are unfamiliar with these types of administrative requirements can rest assured knowing they've completed the process correctly. The site collects data, submits applications, facilitates payment via credit card or electronic funds withdrawal, and sends the necessary information to various state agencies. In addition, security measures have been built into the system to ensure a user's privacy and data integrity. South Carolina is among the first in the U.S. to utilize a website with this scope, and in December SCBOS received the *Enterprise All-Star*, a national award for groundbreaking network projects in the United States and beyond.

Researchers have estimated that it takes 47 hours on average for business owners to obtain the appropriate credentials for a start-up business. That's time they would rather spend serving customers or developing their product – and time that SCBOS gives back to them. I am particularly proud of this project not only for its innovation, but also for the collaborative effort that brought it to fruition. SCBOS is a shining example of what can be achieved when public and private entities join forces. The Executive Steering Committee for the project includes the Secretary of State's Office, Department of Revenue, DHEC, Employment Security Commission, Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, Department of Commerce, Budget and Control Board, SC Chamber of Commerce, Municipal Association of SC, and the SC Association of Counties. Other contributing partners include the SC Chief Information Officer, USC's Small Business Development Center, the Commission on Higher Education, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Consumer Affairs, the Department of Insurance, Probation Pardon & Parole, SC School for the Deaf and Blind, the United States Small Business Administration, Richland County, the SC Small Business Chamber of Commerce, SCANA, and the SC Association of Certified Public Accountants. More organizations are slated to come aboard in the near future. The Comptroller General and Treasurer's offices were also instrumental in helping to get SCBOS off the ground. As has been often said – it is amazing what can be accomplished when people are willing to share the credit. This initiative exceeded expectations in its first few months, and I am excited about its potential in the coming months and years. SCBOS is truly a public-private partnership that benefits both our state and the business community.

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MARK YOUR

CALENDAR!

YEAR-END

STATEWIDE RALLY

AND BBQ

TENTATIVE

DATE IS WED.

MAY 17, 2006 AT

"THE COOP"

1100 KEY ROAD

COLUMBIA

**Mechanical Member:
A & T Plumbing, Inc.**

A & T Plumbing, Inc., located in Columbia, South Carolina, was founded by Alan G. Kinard in 1997 as an independent plumbing contractor. The company was incorporated in 1998 and Mr. Kinard serves as President.

A & T Plumbing, Inc. has moved forward in commercial and industrial plumbing with a steady growth in the plumbing industry. This growth now incorporates a Plumbing License in the State of North Carolina.

Thomas M. Donaldson, Jr., Vice President, a skilled craftsman has provided our employees with excellent leadership in all areas of plumbing.

At A&T Plumbing, Inc., their staff and employees continue with commitment to serving the plumbing industry and is dedicated to providing excellence in workmanship to their valued customers.

***A & T Plumbing, Inc.
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Columbia, SC 29212-8201
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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Benny Waldrop	April 2	Waldrop Heating & Air Conditioning
Melanie Starrett	April 3	Hughes Supply – Elec. Div. Wife of Billy
Jean Roth	April 9	Freeman Mechanical
Tom Minor	April 9	G-M Mechanical
Bill Caldwell	April 10	Waldrop Heating & Air Conditioning
Tom Deer	April 12	B & W Mechanical
Jayne Johnson	April 17	Jerry’s Plumbing, LLC Wife of Jerry
Fred Gibbs	April 22	Bear Mechanical Services, LLC
Sylvia Jacobs	April 22	R. C. Jacobs Wife of Duwayne
Bucky Cole	April 23	AAA Supply, Inc.
Joe Clarey	April 29	Bradford Sales

Happy Birthday!!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY MEMBERS! WE WOULD LIKE TO ANNOUNCE YOURS!
PLEASE CALL THE BIRTHDAY HOTLINE AT (803) 772-7834 OR EMAIL TO mflowers@mcasc.com**



ANNOUNCEMENT of NEW OFFICE

Tom Frisby has put an office in Greenville, SC to be in the center of his market area. He continues to perform the same services of dispute resolution, mediation, partnering, strategic and organizational planning.

Email: thomasfrisby@msn.com

Website: www.frisbygroup.net Office Phones: 864.220.2900 & 864.220.9301

PROJECTS FOR BID & BID FORECAST

MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA
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 PHONE (803)772-7834 · FAX (803)731-0390 · E-MAIL: mflowers@mcasc.com WEBSITE: www.mcasc.com

JOBS TO BE BID THROUGH THE MCASC BID PROCEDURE.
 ALL MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION BIDDING ON THESE ADVERTISED JOBS ARE
 INVITED AND URGED TO UTILIZE THE MCASC BID PROCEDURE PUBLISHED HEREIN.
 INFORMATION PUBLISHED BY THE MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

NOTES:

1. ALL JOBS LISTED WITHOUT REFERENCE TO THE MCASC FOUR-HOUR DESIGNATION ARE EITHER ZERO OR TWO-HOUR BID JOBS.
2. ALL ASPECTS OF THE MCASC FOUR-HOUR BID PLAN APPLY TO JOBS DESIGNATED AS EITHER ZERO OR TWO-HOUR JOBS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF TIME & BID PROCEDURE OFFICE/SIGNATORY GENERAL CONTRACTOR INTERFACING.

*MCASC BID PROCEDURE SIGNATORY GC'S INDICATED WITH "O"

PIEDMONT AREA

CHAIRMAN DESIGNATING COMMITTEE
 DAVID BISHOP
 TEL: (864) 578-7252 FAX: 578-341

NO JOBS LISTED

MIDLANDS AREA

CHAIRMAN DESIGNATING COMMITTEE

NO JOBS LISTED

PEE DEE AREA

CHAIRMAN DESIGN. COMMITTEE WILLIAM L. SELF TEL: (803) 432-8519 FAX: 432-3845	PAUL PREVATTE G'TOWN, HORRY & MARION TEL: (843) 272-4915 FAX: 272-6071	JIMMY LEE FLO, DAR, DIL, C'FLD & M'BORO TEL:(843) 669-8243 FAX: 673-0826
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NO JOBS LISTED

COASTAL AREA

CHAIRMAN DESIGNATING COMMITTEE
 RON RUNYON
 TEL: (843) 556-5636 FAX: 763-3091

NO JOBS LISTED

MCASC Would Like To Extend Our Thoughts And Prayers To The Following Families:

~~~~~ CONCERNS ~~~~~

Estelle Purvis (Mother of Darlene McGee) Bryce Mechanical Contractors, Florence  
 Mildred George (Mother of Robbie Stephens) Temporary Services, Spartanburg  
 Chris Kirkland, G-M Mechanical, Greenville

~~~~~ SYMPATHY ~~~~~

Ira L. Keener (Father of Steve Keener) Insulation Contractors, Spartanburg

NEW ADDRESSES — MARK YOUR RECORDS

New Location: Smith, Kesler & Co., P.A.,C.P.A.
PO Box 170249, Spartanburg, SC 29301-0024
200 Westgate Mall Drive, Spartanburg, SC 29301-1305
Phone: 864-327-1504 Fax: 864-327-1509

Unitherm, Inc.
6904 N Main Street Suite 110, Columbia, SC 29203-3852
Phone: 803-786-0089 Fax: 803-786-0355
(New Suite #)

WEEK OF – APRIL, 2006—MAY, 2006

| DAY | JOB NO. | 4/HR | LOCATION | NAME | BID DATE | TIME |
|----------------|---------|------|----------|------|----------|------|
| No Jobs Listed | | | | | | |

“Tool Box Talks” Safety Tips Hard Hat Safety

Hard hats not only reduce the chances of serious injury resulting from falling objects, but protect you when you bump your head on things- like machinery, ductwork, ceiling tie wires and forms. Non-conductive hard hats protect you from electrical shock and burns. Never wear metal hard hats around electrical work.

HOW TO CARE FOR HARD HATS

The better care you take of your hard hat, the better care it will take of you. Here are some suggestions:

1. Properly adjust suspension systems to maintain clearance between your head and the shell of the hat.
2. Don't cut holes for ventilation. Don't heat and bend.
3. Don't substitute a "bump cap." They aren't strong enough.
4. Don't paint your hard hat.
5. Don't put anything under it except your head; this includes cigarettes, notebooks, and such.
6. Don't wear it backwards.

SOME COMMON COMPLAINTS AND THE REAL TRUTH

We sometimes hear the following complaints about hard hats. But is there any real basis for them?

"It's too heavy." (Hard hats are only a few ounces heavier than a cloth cap, but the extra protection you get is worth the extra weight.)

"It's too hot." (Measurements taken in hot weather show that the temperature under a hard hat often is cooler than it is outside.)

"It gives me a headache." (A thump on the head from something which has fallen two floors will give you a worse one. There is, however, no medical reason why a properly adjusted hard hat should cause a headache. Don't alter the suspension system or the hard hat, because you won't get the designed protection.)

"It won't stay on." (You're right; it won't in a high wind. A chin strap will solve this problem. Otherwise, you will find that a hard hat stays put no matter how much stooping or bending you have to do - if it's fitted properly.)

"It's noisy." (That's your imagination. In fact, tests show that properly worn hard hats will shield your ears from noise to some extent.)

IT WILL NOT HELP UNLESS YOU WEAR IT !

By: Mel Rosas – RSS Safety, LLC (note new company name)

Please note the following changes: Mel Rosas: mrosas@rsssafety.com Phone # 704.277.5673

Debbie Winn: dwinn@rsssafety.com New Phone # 704.778.8375

New website address: www.RSSSafety.com

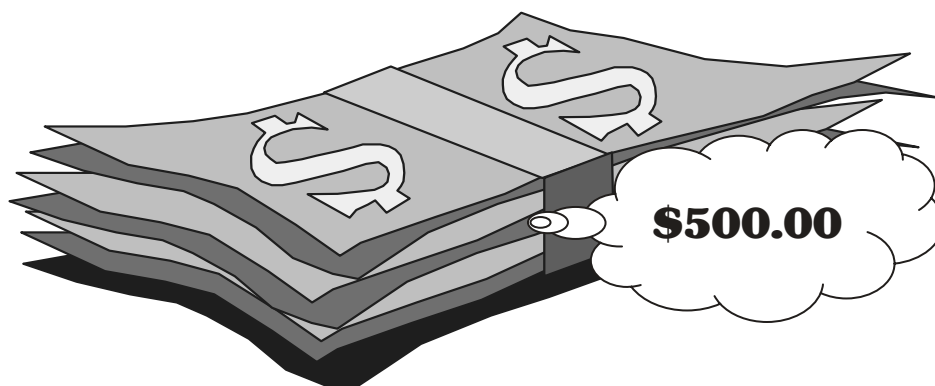
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

EMERGENCY SERVICES RESTORATION – CHARLES HARRIS – SIMPSONVILLE
ENERGY PRO OF SC, LLC – DAN RAINES - WEST COLUMBIA
I-SYS CORP. – TRAE FACENTE – CHARLESTON
SUNRISE TECHNOLOGY GROUP – STEVE MADDOX – CHARLOTTE
TRAMMELL & CO. – MIKE TRAMMELL – SPARTANBURG

18th ANNUAL BRYCE MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

**Date is May 5, 2006 with deadline of April 17th to register
For information call Darlene McGee, Tournament Coordinator
Phone: 843-669-8243**

How would you like to win



IF SO, THEN MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE...

**15th Annual
 MCASC Scholarship Tournament
 Swatter-Snagger-Shagger Weekend
 June 2, 3, 4 2006 - Santee - Ramada Inn**

AGENDA

FRIDAY:

Check In - Ramada Inn
 GOLF: SANTEE NATIONAL (Play Your Own Ball)
 Hospitality Suite
 Poker
 Prime Rib Dinner

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|--|-------------------------|
| 10:00AM* - UNTIL | *Provided room is ready |
| 11:30 AM - Tee Times Begin (Tee Times Will Be Published) | |
| 4:00PM - MIDNIGHT | Room 124 |
| IT'S YOUR DEAL | Room 220 |
| 7:00PM | Hotel Pool Side |

STURDAY:

Buffet Breakfast
 FISHING: BILLUPS LANDING
 GOLF: SANTEE-COOPER COUNTRY CLUB
 Hospitality Suite
 Poker
 Swatter-Snagger Awards & Door Prizes
 Seafood Dinner
 Shagging

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 6:00AM - 9:00AM | Garden Dining Room |
| 5:30AM - UNTIL | |
| 10:00AM - SHOTGUN START | Captain's Choice Format |
| 4:00PM - MIDNIGHT | Room 124 |
| IT'S YOUR DEAL | Room 220 |
| 6:00PM | Hotel Pool Side |
| 6:30PM | Hotel Pool Side |
| After Dinner | L T's |

SUNDAY:

Buffet Breakfast
 Check Out - Ramada Inn

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|-----------------|-------------------------|
| 6:00AM - 9:00AM | Garden Dining Room |
| 12:00 NOON | Have A Safe Trip Home!! |

\$500- Hole-In-One Contest

\$500 will be awarded for each hole-in-one made on Hole #8 (150 yds).

\$500 Angler Contest

\$500 will be awarded to the angler that captures the largest fish (weighed in ounces)
 IF their lucky number matches the winning number.



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REGISTRATION FORM AND INFORMATION

COST:

Swatter/Snagger - \$225.00/person (double occupancy)

Non-Sportster - \$150.00/person (double occupancy)

NOTES:

Any singles add \$45.00

Lounge cover charge waived with room key

If you choose to go down on Thursday, there will be an additional room cost of \$56.00

Please indicate below so we can make the necessary accommodations

Cancellations and/or Substitutions Accepted Thru May 19th

Hole Sponsor - \$125.00

Boat Sponsor - \$125.00

****Make checks payable to: MCASC Scholarship Fund****

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MAY 5, 2006

Below, indicate activities with a ✓ mark

Complete registration form & fax to (803) 731-0390 or email to: mflowers@mcasc.com

| NAME: | HCP | HOTEL THURS. | GOLF FRI. | GOLF SAT. | FISH SAT. | NO SPORT | SPONSOR |
|-------|-----|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|---------|
| 1. | | | | | | | |
| 2. | | | | | | | |
| 3. | | | | | | | |
| 4. | | | | | | | |

IMPORTANT NOTE: FRIDAY & SATURDAY, Pre-arranged foursomes will be accepted both days provided you have contacted the MCASC State Office & submitted your team by no later than May 5, 2006. If you do not pre-arrange your foursome, & would like to play with a particular individual, please note on form. Otherwise, the Golf Committee will assign teams.

**Associate Member:
BWI Distribution, Inc.**

BWI Distribution, Inc. was founded in 1957. In 1999 BWI became a subsidiary of SIG/USA. As a member of the SIG group, BWI is linked internationally to member companies in the UK, Germany, France and Poland.

BWI is your complete source for Industrial/Commercial, Marine, HVAC insulation and accessories, fire stopping products, environmental remediation products, personal protection equipment, high temp applications and specialty fabrication.

They have eight locations throughout the southeast, with two located here in South Carolina. They have a professional, courteous, and knowledgeable staff at each location to promptly attend to your needs. Whether it's checking stock, delivery, technical support to application questions, they have trained personnel with many years experience in the industry to take care of you.

They thank the association for allowing BWI to be part of the organization. Please visit them on their website at www.bwidistribution.com or call them at the following locations:

***BWI Distribution, Inc.
95-C Sunbelt Boulevard
Columbia, SC 29203
Phone: 803.714.7151
Fax: 803.714.7152***

***BWI Distribution, Inc.
1501 Piedmont Hwy.
Piedmont, SC 29673
Phone: 864.299.1770
Fax: 864.299.5211***

Congratulations to our next Associate & Mechanical Members who will be highlighted in the upcoming issue of "The Tool Box":

**Bobby Belt Plumbing Co., Inc. — Easley
Cregger Company, Inc. — Conway**

APRIL/MAY 2006 MONTHLY AREA MEETINGS

PIEDMONT AREA

Tuesday, April 11, 2006 @ 6:00 PM
Location: 720 Mauldin Road, Greenville
Sponsored By: G-M Mechanical Corporation

Topic: Kevin Wood of Nash & Powers Insurance To Present A Program On "The MCASC Group Health Insurance Program"

Election of 2006-2007 Officers

PEE DEE AREA

Thursday, April ,20 2006 @ 6:30 PM
Location: Red Bone Alley, Florence Mall
Sponsored By: Cayce Company, Eastern Industrial Supplies & Mueller Industries

Topic: A Representative from The SC Small Business Regulatory Review Committee Will Present A Program on "Practical Aspects Of The Regulatory Flexibility Act & The Work Of The Regulatory Review Committee"

Election of 2006-2007 Officers

COASTAL AREA

Friday, April 28, 2006 @ 7:00 PM Boarding 7:30 PM Depart.
Location: Patriot's Point, Mt. Pleasant
Sponsored By: Sunbelt Rentals

Annual Coastal Area Harbor Cruise

Election of 2006-2007 Officers

MIDLANDS AREA

Wednesday, May 17, 2006 @ 6:00 PM (Tentative Date)
Location: The Coop, 1100 Key Road, Columbia

Topic: Year-End Statewide Rally & Barbeque

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Mike Hough, Associate President

Mona Flowers, Managing Director

Carol Fore, Administrative Assistant

**Mechanicals make it happen -
Be part of the best!**

PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS (Continued from Page 1)

I also worked with other state agencies and private businesses for over a year to draft H4650 - a corporate modernization bill that makes it easier for corporations to conduct business in South Carolina. Governor Mark Sanford signed H4650 into law on April 29, 2004.

The bill allows foreign (non-SC) corporations to re-domesticate in South Carolina with much more ease. In the past a foreign corporation had to create a new entity in our state, and then merge the corporation from its home state with the new SC Corporation. The new procedure will allow a corporation to fill out a form with the Secretary of State's Office that will identify South Carolina as the domicile, and speeds up what often times can be a lengthy process. The new bill also simplifies the process whereby corporations can convert or merge with other corporations, limited liability corporations, limited liability partnerships, and partnerships. One of the most important provisions of the new bill, and one that has had a substantial impact on the volume of transactions in the Secretary of State's Office, is that LLC's are no longer required to file an annual report with the office.

The Corporate Modernization Act signed by Governor Sanford ensures that South Carolina keeps pace with an ever-changing business community. The reforms in this bill eliminate outdated statutes and simplify the filing process in the office. We have already received an overwhelming positive response from the business community, practitioners, and professionals who say this bill eliminates impediments in doing business in our state. It is truly an honor to serve as Secretary of State, and a pleasure working with others toward a better South Carolina.

Watch for Upcoming Announcements On The
MCASC 2006 Summer Convention July 20-23
Brasstown Valley Resort, Young Harris, Georgia