



# Beaufort County Economic Development Report November 2018

## Classes Offer New Beginnings in Changing Times

For many job-seekers, it's hard to recognize the personal skills and qualities that separate them from other job applicants. When you're looking for real employment with living wages, it's sometimes hard to believe you're good enough. It's easier to feel good enough when you've proven you are with certificates of competency in valuable workplace skills.

That's what twelve Beaufort County residents are discovered as they embarked upon the Pre-employment Manufacturing Training Program at Beaufort County Community College (BCCC). The program offering started Monday, October 22, and concludes with November 2 interviews with local manufacturers.

The group of students introducing themselves to the rest of the class on Monday looked a lot like Beaufort County. They ranged in age from the very young to a woman in her 70s, recently laid off from her job of 29 years. She told us, "I need to work a few more years, and I need some way of separating myself from the rest." A younger woman from Belhaven announced, "I'm going to do it, and then I'm going to bring it back home, the way it should be."

There is opportunity in our area for employers and job-seekers alike. Businesses are attracted here by our quality of life, low operating and living costs, and availability of skilled workers. People looking for work these days know they need to be flexible and skillful as employer needs change. The partnership between state, regional and county agencies, employers, and local schools is here to help.

For eligibility and future enrollment questions, please contact Wes Watson, NC Works, 252-940-0900.

Sponsoring corporations and agencies: AAF Flanders, Camfil, Iconic Marine Group, idX, PAS, Region Q Consortium, Mid-East Commission, NC Department of Commerce, Beaufort County Community College and Beaufort County Economic Development.

## Pre-employment Training at BCCC



2018 YTD Industry-Ready Building Activity	
<b>Inquiries/Responses</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Assembly</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Distribution</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Aquaculture</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Food Processing</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Visits</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Sources</b>	<b>NCEA, BCED, EDPNC</b>

Unadjusted Labor Force Statistics 10/30/18			
USA '000	09/17	09/18	Δ
Labor Force	161,049	161,958	0.56%
Employed	154,494	156,191	1.10%
Unemployed	6,556	5,766	-12.05%
Unemp. Rate	4.10%	3.60%	-12.20%
NC '000	09/17	09/18	Δ
Labor Force	4,990	4,955	-0.70%
Employed	4,778	4,802	0.50%
Unemployed	211	152	-27.96%
Unemp. Rate	4.20%	3.10%	-26.19%
GWCSA	09/17	09/18	Δ
Labor Force	110,632	109,169	-1.32%
Employed	105,575	105,501	-0.07%
Unemployed	5,057	3,668	-27.47%
Unemp. Rate	4.60%	3.40%	-26.09%
Beaufort County	09/17	09/18	Δ
Labor Force	20,143	19,944	-0.99%
Employed	19,199	19,230	0.16%
Unemployed	944	714	-24.36%
Unemp. Rate	4.70%	3.60%	-23.40%