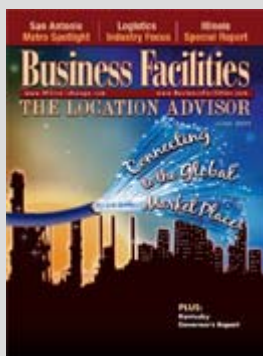


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AdvanceSC Earns Top Honors

The GADC honored **AdvanceSC**, a Duke Energy organization that supports education and economic growth across much of South Carolina, with the fifth annual **William D. Workman III Buffalo Hunter Award**. Since 2005, **AdvanceSC** grants to GADC projects total more than \$1.8 million, including critical funding to secure a dozen signature wins. **AdvanceSC** chair Carol Burdette accepted the award.



Kudos Keep Coming

Business Facilities magazine has named Greenville the nation's #1 metro area for economic growth potential, and among the top ten metros for the drug and pharmaceutical industry. Full details will be announced in their August 2009 issue.

News of Note – July 2009

Berliner Seilfabrik Launches in Greenville

An international manufacturer of "living playgrounds" -- intricately designed modular playscapes in a variety of unique designs and shapes -- has announced the location in Greenville, South Carolina of its new U.S. sales and distribution operations...



Berliner Seilfabrik's acclaimed modular playscapes are made from sturdy, galvanized steel wires covered with external rope strands of Polyamid yarns (carpet yarn). Internationally patented, the Berliner Seilfabrik ropes ensure maximum abrasion-resistance and color fastness for years of hard play.

Located in 48 Brookfield Oaks Suite D, the company will initially staff the sales office with a three-person sales team to cater to the needs of dealers across the United States, and also serve as a distribution point for product arriving through the Port of Charleston.

"We examined numerous markets around the country, including New York, Chicago and Atlanta, before deciding to establish this sales headquarters here in Greenville," said president David Koehler. "We see a tremendous market opportunity here in the United States for our product line and felt that Greenville's excellent value and quality of life for our team, its East Coast location, Port of Charleston accessibility and interstate access made it an ideal location for our operations."

The company's roots date back to 1865 when its parent company began producing ropes for the elevator industry. Even today, the quality of Berliner ropes has earned world-wide acclaim as among the strongest in the world, and ropes from the parent company support the Liberty Bridge that spans the Reedy River in downtown Greenville.

The company has cemented their global reputation as leaders and innovators in rope-play equipment over three decades, and their wide array of play products are found across Europe, Asia, Australia and North America, with all products precision-manufactured at the company's headquarters in Germany. Among the company's customers is Busch Gardens in Tampa, Florida, whose Jungala climbing tunnels and towers feature a Berliner Seilfabrik custom design.

Meet Mike Buitter, GADC Chairman



He's been a practicing CPA, a soft drink executive, a publishing magnate and currently teaches in the business school of a local university. He's Mike Buitter, man of many talents and current chairman of the Greenville Area Development Corporation...

Mike Buitter believes in staying busy. A former executive for Dr. Pepper/Seven-Up Companies, Inc. in numerous capacities – during his tenure he led the company from management buyout until its sale to Cadbury Schweppes – Mike "retired" to Greenville in 1995, when he was named chief executive officer of BJU Press.

Now a professor in the School of Business at Bob Jones University

Plan Ahead!

The GADC's next Investor Executive Briefing will be announced shortly and is scheduled for early fall. Investors, be on the lookout for your invitation!

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where he teaches graduate and undergraduate classes in accounting, accounting theory, business strategy and entrepreneurship, Mike was named to the board of directors of the Greenville Area Development Corporation in 2005 – part of his passion for serving his community. A certified public accountant, Mike is also an elder at Heritage Bible Church and serves on the board of The Wilds Christian Camp.

"Mike is extremely knowledgeable about the Greenville community and has historically played an important, participative role in helping to attract quality jobs to Greenville County," notes Jerry Howard, president and CEO of the GADC. "As he has in each role he's played professionally, Mike will make an exceptional leader for our community and for this organization."

Investors are the Lifeblood of GADC

With over 120 active Investors – a record number – supporting the Greenville Area Development Corporation, you'd expect the 2009-10 list to include Greenville's best and brightest organizations. And it does. Read on for a full list...



Investors are the lifeblood of the Greenville Area Development Corporation. Their contributions are 100% directed to support the marketing initiatives of the GADC and its mission to create better jobs and a brighter future for us all. Please thank these companies for their vital role in helping Greenville grow and thrive.

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