



NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release
September 15, 2016

Alfmeier Friedrichs & Rath LLC expanding operations in Greenville County Manufacturer investing \$5.8 million and creating 50 new jobs

GREENVILLE, SC – September 15, 2016 – The Greenville Area Development Corporation (GADC), the County-chartered organization tasked with advancing the area's economic growth, announced today that Alfmeier Friedrichs & Rath (AFR), a manufacturer of automotive components, is expanding their Greenville County operations. The expansion is expected to bring \$5.8 million of new capital investment and create approximately 50 new jobs.

Established in 1993, AFR is a developer and manufacturer of automotive components with a concentration on fuel management, vacuum support, and seating comfort solutions. Featuring in-house plastic injection molding and custom assembly and test systems, the company employs more than 500 employees and utilizes 32 injection molding machines across three locations.

"AFR is pleased to be expanding operations in Greenville to accommodate our increasing business. Our success is a direct result of the dedication and hard work of all of our associates, particularly those on the factory floor who strive to do things a little better each day. We are proud to be part of a community and state that recognizes and supports the benefits of manufacturing and look forward to continued future growth." - AFR President Markus Farrenkopf

"It's always exciting when we are able to celebrate the success of a South Carolina company and its decision to expand here. The 50 new jobs that this \$5.8 million investment means for Greenville County will really make a difference in the lives of South Carolinians, and that's a reason to celebrate throughout the entire state." -Gov. Nikki Haley

"South Carolina is known as a place that makes things, and makes them well. To have companies, like AFR, continue to grow and expand here further demonstrates that South Carolina is 'Just right' for manufacturing." -Secretary of Commerce Bobby Hitt

"Alfmeier Friedrichs & Rath's expansion in Greenville exemplifies what we've always known to be true, that we have a talented, educated and diverse workforce here that's perfect for our international companies. We're grateful for AFR's investment and continued support to Greenville County." -Greenville County Council Chairman Dr. Bob Taylor

Located at 120 Ellcon Drive in Greenville, S.C., the company will be expanding their factory floor by 20,000 square feet and their office facility by approximately 10,000 square feet. The expansion is projected to be complete by the second quarter of 2017, and hiring for the new positions is ongoing with an increase scheduled to begin in the first quarter of 2017. Those interested in joining the AFR team should visit the company's [career page online](#).

#

The Greenville Area Development Corporation is a non-profit organization established by Greenville County Council to promote and enhance the economic growth and development of Greenville County. Since its founding in 2001, GADC efforts have resulted in the creation of more than 18,500 new jobs and more than \$3 billion in capital investment in Greenville County, SC. To learn more, visit www.goGADC.com or call (864) 235-2008.

MEDIA CONTACT:

Tony Smith
Project Manager
Greenville Area Development Corporation
(864) 235-2008
tonysmith@greenvillecounty.org