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CH2M Expanding Upstate Operations *Engineering firm investing millions to open new Greenville facility*

GREENVILLE, SC – July 21, 2015 – The Greenville Area Development Corporation (GADC), the County-chartered organization tasked with promoting and enhancing the economic growth of Greenville County, is pleased to announce that [CH2M](#), a global, Fortune 500 consulting, design, construction and operations firm, is expanding its Upstate South Carolina operations with a new 70,000-square-foot facility in Greenville County. The investment will involve relocation of 350 professional positions and is expected to generate 50 new jobs in Greenville, S.C.

"The expansion of CH2M in Greenville is good news for the state and local economy," said City of Greenville Mayor Knox White. "CH2M brings a wealth of world-class talent and engineering expertise to Greenville-all attracted by the quality of life and superb workforce that our city is known for. We are grateful for the company's decision to be a part of Greenville's future. What's more, CH2M is an impressive part of the constellation of internationally recognized companies that mark one of America's highest growth regions, the Interstate 85 corridor."

Headquartered in Englewood, Colo., CH2M was established in 1946 in Corvallis, Ore. by three Oregon State College graduates, Holly Cornell, Jim Howland and Burke Hayes, and their enthusiastic professor, Fred Merryfield. Since that time, the company has grown tremendously. With a total workforce of more than 25,000, CH2M is currently working on projects in more than 50 countries worldwide, providing engineering solutions in the areas of transportation, water, environment, nuclear, oil, gas, chemicals and urban environments.

By relocating its existing Upstate operations to a new Holder Properties' build-to-suit facility, located at Bonaventure Circle off of Verdae Blvd. in Greenville, S.C., CH2M looks to significantly grow its operations in the Upstate, allowing the company to better meet increasing customer demand. Throughout the site-selection process, CH2M prioritized a number of amenities, including technology, building infrastructure and location, all aimed at employee retention and recruitment.

"As a forward-thinking and growing company serving critical infrastructure and engineering markets, CH2M is a great fit for Greenville County and the Upstate," added Greenville County Council Chairman Dr. Bob Taylor. "The company's expansion and increased investment in Greenville County is a testament not only to its overall strength, but to the supportive business environment and the world-class engineering talent pool we have here."

Strategically located along Interstate 85 connecting Atlanta and Charlotte, the Verdae Community will include pedestrian-friendly streetscapes, a lush central park and abundant green space.

"We look forward to establishing a state-of-the-art, next-generation workplace within the Verdae Community with its many recreational amenities and nearby commercial districts," said CH2M Regional Vice President Kent E. Smith. "CH2M is often ranked as one of the best companies to work for in the U.S., ranked No. 25 in 2015 according to Business Insider, and our goal is to be the engineering employer of choice in the Upstate community."

"It's always exciting when a company decides to expand its operations and create new jobs in our state," noted South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley. "This multimillion-dollar investment and the 50 new jobs it will create will have a tremendous impact on our Upstate community, and I look forward to watching CH2M continue to grow and thrive there for many years to come."

CH2M's Upstate operation currently delivers large capital projects in the chemical, fiber, manufacturing, transportation and life sciences markets. The new facility's expected completion date is April 2016. Hiring for new positions is anticipated to begin during the second quarter of 2016.

"Today, we celebrate CH2M's decision to expand its Upstate operations, creating dozens of new jobs," said South Carolina Secretary of Commerce Bobby Hitt. "This announcement is a testament to South Carolina's loyal, world-class workforce, and I'm excited to watch them succeed in this new, expanded facility."

The Coordinating Council for Economic Development has approved job development credits related to the project. For more information on CH2M, visit www.ch2m.com. Those interested in joining the CH2M team should visit the company's [careers page online](#).

"CH2M is already a valued member of the Upstate business community," added Greenville Area Development Corporation Board Chairman, Dick Wilkerson. "We are pleased that this well-respected and high-performing organization would choose to expand here, and we welcome the opportunity to work with them to continue this growth, providing new and exciting employment opportunities for our residents."

About CH2M

At CH2M, we love to take on our clients' most complex infrastructure and natural resource problems, creating new pathways for human progress. Partnering with governments, cities and businesses in more than 50 countries, we tap deeply integrated capabilities across our organization-in transportation, water, environment, nuclear, oil & gas, industry and urban environments-to meet their biggest engineering challenges. And we draw on the exceptional skills and creativity of 25,000 teammates with an outstanding track record of expertly executing projects both big and small. We love what we do, but we care just as much about how we work

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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.