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Dorchester County Breaks Ground on QuickJobs Center

ST. GEORGE, SOUTH CAROLINA...Dorchester County broke ground this morning to construct the QuickJobs Center which will be located at the corner of Highway 78 and Academy Road in Saint George. The Center is a partnership between Dorchester County, Trident Technical College, the Upper Dorchester County Legislative Delegation and the South Carolina Department of Commerce.

The purpose of the QuickJobs Center is to bridge the gap between the manufacturing skills required by industry and the lack of available training opportunities in upper Dorchester County. Trident Technical College will provide targeted workforce training with a curriculum of courses structured to meet both the needs of students in the area and the requirements of local industries that are looking to hire individuals with particular skill sets.

Charleston firm Rosenblum Coe Architects, Inc. completed the design for the new center which will be a one-story, 5,630 square-foot building. The exterior will include brick and arch elements that match the new courthouse, the centerpiece of the campus. Inside the Center will be three dedicated classrooms and flexible space that can also function as a fourth classroom. It will serve the industries and citizens of upper Dorchester County and the surrounding area.

Dorchester County received a \$1.3 million Community Development Block Grant from the South Carolina Department of Commerce for the design and construction of the QuickJobs Center. With unemployment reaching 10.1 percent in July, the QuickJobs Center will serve as a critical resource in the community for both job seekers looking to enhance their skills and employers looking for trained workers.