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AVANTech, LLC expanding operations in Richland County

More than \$3.6 million investment will create 17 new jobs

COLUMBIA, S.C. – [AVANTech, LLC](#), a wastewater and radioactive waste treatment solutions provider, today announced plans to expand operations in Richland County. The more than \$3.6 million investment will create 17 new jobs.

Founded in 1999 in South Carolina, the company provides innovative technology and turnkey services for its custom, operator-friendly systems. AVANTech, LLC creates integrated solutions that improve operations in commercial nuclear, government and industrial applications – including numerous South Carolina facilities such as the Department of Energy’s Savannah River Site, nuclear power plants and other industrial customers, along with additional clients in the U.S. and around the world.

Located along 30 acres at 2050 American Italian Way in Columbia, AVANTech, LLC’s expansion will increase the company’s capacity to support growing demand for its integrated design, engineering and fabrication services. The expansion is expected to be completed in stages through 2025. Individuals interested in joining the AVANTech, LLC team should visit the company’s [careers webpage](#).

QUOTES

“South Carolina is a great place to start a small business. Since Tracy Barker, my co-founder, and I started the business 22 years ago, we have grown to over 200 employees serving over 15 countries due to the support of the state. We have provided solutions to many of the world’s toughest problems including radioactive water treatment after the Fukushima nuclear accident in Japan and the U.S. Department of Energy high-level radioactive liquid waste tanks.” **-AVANTech, LLC President Jim Braun**

“Today’s announcement by AVANTech, LLC represents a tremendous win for the Midlands. South Carolina’s business-friendly climate continues to shine, and when great companies like this expand in our state, we know we are doing something right.” **-Gov. Henry McMaster**

“We congratulate AVANTech, LLC on its expansion in Richland County. This announcement is further proof that South Carolina is an ideal location for businesses to grow and thrive.” **-Secretary of Commerce Harry M. Lightsey III**

"AVANTech's expansion in Richland County is a testament to our community as a wonderful place to operate a business. Council is pleased with the company's decision to continue growing here with support from our tremendous workforce." **-Richland County Council Chair Paul Livingston**

FIVE FAST FACTS

- AVANTech, LLC is **expanding operations in Richland County.**
- **The more than \$3.6 million investment will create 17 new jobs.**
- AVANTech, LLC is a **wastewater and radioactive waste treatment solutions provider.**
- **Located along 30 acres at 2050 American Italian Way in Columbia, S.C.**
- Individuals interested in joining the AVANTech, LLC team should **visit the company's [careers webpage](#).**

About S.C. Department of Commerce

As South Carolina's leading economic development agency, the Department of Commerce works to recruit new businesses and help existing business grow. S.C. Commerce has recruited world-class companies to South Carolina such as BMW, Boeing, Continental, Giti Tire, LPL Financial Holdings, Mercedes-Benz Vans, Samsung, Toray and Volvo Cars and also supports startups, small and existing business, innovation and rural development initiatives. S.C. Commerce partners with the [S.C. Technical College System](#) via [readySC](#) to support workforce training and recruiting, and with the [S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce](#), which provides worker training and employment opportunities within the state. With a strong international footprint, the Palmetto State has consistently been among the top in the nation for attracting jobs through foreign direct investment on a per capita basis – recognized by multiple economic development publications for its pro-business climate. For more information, visit www.SCcommerce.com.

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