Oil and Natural Gas Stimulate South Carolina
Economic and Job Growth

Oil and natural gas are driving the U.S. economy through a major energy boom and that boom is rippling through the economy of South Carolina, supporting business activity across the state. This finding grows out of a new American Petroleum Institute survey of domestic oil and natural gas vendors,1 which offers a glimpse into the job and business creation engine that is the current oil and natural gas industry. The survey shows that at least 40 businesses, located across all seven of South Carolina’s congressional districts, are part of the larger oil and natural gas supply chain.

The survey’s snapshot of state-by-state activity reinforces the impressive level of industry success throughout the country that is documented in a recent PriceWaterhouseCoopers study conducted for the American Petroleum Institute.2 That study found that the oil and natural gas industry in South Carolina supports some 67,700 jobs, which is 2.9 percent of the state’s total employment. The amount of South Carolina labor income supported by the oil and natural gas industry comes to $2.63 billion annually. That’s 2.4 percent of the state’s total labor income.

Although South Carolina is not a top energy producer, these job and labor income figures demonstrate that the people of South Carolina enjoy significant benefits from energy development.3 The benefits show up in the state’s salary statistics as well. Thus, while the average annual salary in South Carolina across all industries and sectors is $39,131, the average oil and gas industry salary (excluding gas stations) is higher—$49,801 annually. Overall the industry supports $4.7 billion of the South Carolina economy. That’s 2.8 percent of the state’s total economic activity.

South Carolina also benefits from the production of oil and natural gas from shales and so-called “tight formations,” energy development that uses the proven engineering technologies of hydraulic fracturing, or “fracking,” and horizontal drilling. Total jobs supported by these activities in South Carolina reached 9,131.

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1. American Petroleum Institute, “API Onshore Oil and Gas Vendor Identification Survey,” Washington, D.C., 2014. The survey was distributed to API members in January 2014 to collect information for the period October 2012 to September 2013. Included are companies that provide goods and services for onshore oil and natural gas development, whether as operators, contractors, service companies, suppliers, or vendors.
in 2012. The job total is projected to climb to 15,905 in 2020 and to 19,032 in 2035. And the people of South Carolina get it. A statewide telephone poll of 602 registered South Carolina voters, conducted on behalf of the American Petroleum Institute, found that 80 percent of them, regardless of party affiliation, support increased production of oil and natural gas resources located in the United States.5

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### Vendor Profile

**AMECO**

AMECO, a unit of Fluor Corporation, is a full-service, global supplier of construction equipment, vehicles, tools, common services, and asset management solutions. In addition to the power, heavy industrial, mining, manufacturing, construction, and government sectors, AMECO’s client base includes the oil and natural gas industry. Many of the industry’s largest companies are clients.

AMECO has been a direct supplier and subcontractor of mobile equipment, small tools, consumables, and safety supplies to oil and natural gas industry site owners and their capital contractors since the mid-1970s. In addition to supplying these products, AMECO is also a direct distributor for Dynamic Air Shelters, Inc., selling and renting these proprietary-designed safe harbors for use in places where gas vapor explosion risks exist.

AMECO has the best safety record of any supplier supporting the oil and natural gas industry in the United States today.


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6. From the 2014 “API Onshore Oil and Gas Vendor Identification Survey” returns.
Congressional District 1
Baldwin Aviation, Inc
Speedwell Weather Corporation
Taxsearch, Inc
Wonderlic, Inc

Congressional District 2
Blanchard Machinery Company

Congressional District 3
Allegro Industries
ASAG Energy, LLC

Congressional District 4
Basic Concepts, Inc
Congressional District 1
Baldwin Aviation, Inc
Speedwell Weather Corporation
Taxsearch, Inc
Wonderlic, Inc

Congressional District 4
AE Solutions Alaska, LLC
American Equipment Co, Inc
Applied Engineering Solutions, Inc
C Edward & Brenda L Matkin
Ch2M Hill Alaska, Inc
Compass Group USA, Inc
Customer Effective Solutions, Inc
Gower Corporation
Group of Patriots
i&M Industrials
Integrated Power Services, LLC
Joseph Martial Robichaud
Merus Refreshment Services, Inc
Milliken & Company
Palmetto Engineering & Consult
Patriot Solutions, LLC
The Print Machine, Inc
Total Maintenance Solutions
South
Windstream Nuvox, Inc

Congressional District 5
Atlas CoPCo, LLC
Baja Broadband
Medlock Ralph E.
Sunbelt Rentals Oil & Gas Services
Transcend Trailer Leasing & Rentals

Congressional District 6
Agri America, Inc
Carbis, Inc
R. Scott Howard Esquire
Tilley Mechanical Technologies, Inc

Congressional District 7
Ogletree Deakins Nash Smoak & Smoak & Stewart PC
Southeastern Freight Lines, Inc