



Defense Engineering Services Expanding Charleston County Operations

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COLUMBIA, S.C. – Defense Engineering Services (DES), a governmental engineering company, announced plans to expand Charleston County operations. The company’s \$2.5 million investment will create 45 new jobs. The expansion will be complete in May.

DES is a service-disabled, veteran-owned small business that provides high-value engineering and manufacturing services for the aerospace and defense industry. It services the U.S. Department of Defense through vehicle systems integration, automotive design, survivability solutions, reverse engineering and obsolescence issues, while also serving the U.S. Army with medical training systems and innovative armor.

According to a South Carolina Department of Commerce release, DES Managing Principles Bob Cole and Greg Gordon said, “DES is excited to expand our engineering and prototype manufacturing operations in Charleston County. Operations have grown year over year for a decade. This growth can be attributed to the business-friendly environment and technically capable workforce of South Carolina and Charleston County.”

John F. Wall IV acted as legal counsel for DES on this project, assisting the company with negotiating and implementing tax incentive packages and all other due diligence matters.

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