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Charleston R&D company to move into Anderson innovation center

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S-F LLC, a Charleston-based research and development company, signed a long-term lease with SCRA in the Duke Energy Innovation Center on the campus of the Advanced Materials Center in Anderson County.

The company plans to hire 10 engineers in the next five years to develop and patent new products in the medical, chemical, energy and textile industries. S-F will focus on commercializing new products patented or designed within the SCRA research space, which will then be manufactured in the Upstate.

A spokesman for S-F said they expect the new space to be ready before May, according to a news release.

"Our innovation centers continue to be places where companies grow and thrive and their innovations are developed and commercialized," said SCRA CEO Bill Mahoney. "We look forward to S-F LLC's continued success and recognize them on their significant contributions to South Carolina's knowledge economy."

The Duke Energy Innovation Center, a partnership between Clemson University and SCRA, is located in Anderson County and opened last March. The facility houses the SCRA-managed Composites Consortium, a group of 34 companies. This consortium includes: Boeing, Lockheed Martin, Raytheon, Goodrich and SCRA Technology Ventures' SC Launch company, MIT-RCF.

The U.S. Navy's Center of Excellence for Composites Manufacturing Technology, managed and run by SCRA, is also in the center. The remainder of the space is leased and includes state-of-the art conference rooms, a common break room and secure rooms for sensitive work.

SCRA is an applied research company with more than 28 years of experience delivering technology solutions with high returns on investment to federal and corporate clients. SCRA focuses on technology ventures, applied R&D and R&D facilities.

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