

EMPLOYMENT

Greenville Technical College launches new corporate training partnership program

In response to the needs of business and industry, Greenville Technical College's Economic Development and Corporate Training Division has recently launched a new corporate training partnership program. The program aligns college offerings with the requirements of companies that plan employee development on an annual basis with a July 1 fiscal kickoff. The corporate training partnership program provides companies two distinct options to meet their workforce needs. The first is a subscription-based option, which allows employers to purchase a variety of training services for a defined number of employees identified by the company. The second option is a preferred provider training partnership, in which companies sign an agreement designating Greenville Technical College as their preferred training partner. In return, the company's employees receive a discount on all professional development training offerings valued over \$500. —Kristen Ferris

LIGHTING

Hubbell Lighting products recognized for cost savings

Greenville-based Hubbell Lighting announced two of its outdoor wall-mounted light packs recently garnered some industry recognition.

The company said its LNC4 Litepak and the Dual-Lite GeoPak were showcased as 2017 Money Savings Products in the June issue of BUILDINGS magazine.

Finalists were evaluated by the publication's editorial staff for the money-saving qualities they offer to building owners and facility managers in areas such as energy efficiency, water savings, and maintenance, Hubbell Lighting said.

The Dual-Lite GeoPak was commended for significantly reducing luminaire form factor, lowering cost, and increasing market access to lifesaving egress lighting.

The LNC4 was selected because it provides best-in-class controls options, including battery backup for egress applications as well as a programmable occupancy sensor for even greater energy savings when no motion is detected, according to the company.

Hubbell Lighting said this is the fourth consecutive year its products have been named on the list. —Trevor Anderson

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Photo courtesy of The Children's Museum of the Upstate.

Duke Energy gifts \$50,000 to Children's Museum

The Children's Museum of the Upstate (TCMU) announced Tuesday, June 6, it received a \$50,000 grant from the Duke Energy Foundation.

TCMU said the grant will beef up its offering of science, technology, engineering, and math (or STEM) educational programming through the museum's mobile-friendly outreach platform, "On the Go."

Nancy Halverson, president and CEO of TCMU, said the grant will help after-school and community programs overcome challenges that make it difficult to provide the technology, supplies, and equipment necessary for providing STEM programming.

"With this grant from Duke Energy Foundation, TCMU can bring engaging, hands-on STEM programming wherever it is needed to impact student achievement," Halverson said in a statement. "Thanks to the support of organizations like the Duke Energy Foundation, TCMU can provide the resources to present outreach that aligns with its mission: to spark a lifelong passion for curiosity and learning through play."

TCMU, based in downtown Greenville, is a private, not-for-profit organization that focuses on engaging communities across the Upstate through interactive exhibits, online resources, and public and youth education programs.

The museum said its 80,000-square-foot facility at Heritage Green, which has 19 exhibit galleries and more than 100 individual exhibit components, is the seventh largest children's museum in the U.S., and the 10th largest in the world.

It was the first children's museum in the country to

become a Smithsonian Affiliate, according to TCMU.

"Community and service are integrated into everything our company does, and specifically in childhood education initiatives," said Linda Hannon, government and community relations manager for Duke Energy, in a statement. "By fostering an interest in science and technology fields for students, our communities can continue growing and producing skilled workers who bring new thinking and innovation to our lives."

TCMU is in the process of opening a museum location for children age 5 and under in downtown Spartanburg.

"We are so grateful to our friends at Duke Energy Foundation for giving us the opportunity to positively impact students and bring the museum's state-of-the-art STEM learning programs to communities across the Upstate," Halverson said. —Trevor Anderson

LAW



Parker Poe's Greenville office is among the seven locations in the Carolinas and Georgia. Photo provided.

Parker Poe expands, opens new office

Parker Poe's Greenville office celebrated its expansion to the Greenville market with an open house event on May 10 that drew government officials, business executives, and members of the community. The firm, which has seven offices in the Carolinas and Georgia, expanded to Greenville in early 2016 to better serve clients in the fast-growing Upstate region. Michael Kozlarek is the office's managing partner. Attorneys in the office represent international businesses, banks, and local governments, as well as manufacturers and school districts, with a focus on legal practices that include public finance, tax, government matters, economic development, banking, corporate law, manufacturing, and distribution. —Staff report

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