

Tri Tech moving to Pickens

Manufacturer operations coming to Upstate facility

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A beam signing is planned for Friday at Tri Tech USA Inc., a company that is coming to Pickens County and bringing jobs and millions of dollars in investment with it.

Tri Tech USA, which has been based in South Burlington, Vt., announced in December that it was relocating its headquarters and manufacturing operations to Pickens County in a move that is expected to bring 40-55 jobs and a \$4 million investment over five years.

The advanced manufacturing company will become a part of the Pickens County Commerce Park in a facility of around 41,000 square feet, said Ray Farley, executive director of Alliance Pickens.

He said the beam-signing ceremony is planned

for 9:30 a.m. at the site at the Pickens County Commerce Park.

"The structural steel is going up in the air," Farley said, describing how officials will sign one of the key structural beams that will be used to support the building.

He said the building could be complete by September.

"Tri Tech USA brings with it approximately 50 jobs that we currently do not have," Farley said. "These are going to be good-paying jobs with good benefits."

The company manufactures commercial-grade mobile kitchen units for the U.S. military and metal components used in a variety of industries, including automotive, aerospace, pharmaceutical, food processing and furniture, according to owners Joe and Linda Bacigalupo.

Joe Bacigalupo has said jobs range from machinists, welders and fabricators to electricians, engineers and assembly personnel.