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## Oconee celebrates newest OITP addition

Oconee Economic Alliance president Jamie Gilbert dispensed his signature phrase that it was "another top shelf day for business" in Oconee County on Wednesday at a ceremonial groundbreaking event for Meyn America in the Oconee Industry and Technology Park. Vice president of parts and operations Michael Otterbach said the 80,000-square-foot distribution center will open in the third quarter of 2024, distributing parts for poultry processing equipment for its North and South American customer base. He said the company visited with eight other counties in three different states before selecting Oconee. Now, Meyn America will invest \$10.8 million into

the site, creating 25 new full-time jobs. "Oconee County has so much to offer," Otterbach said. "From the beginning, we were welcomed by all parties." "This is just the beginning, we think, of many things for Meyn America and CTB (of which Meyn is a subsidiary of)," Gilbert said. "We just thank you for selecting and choosing Oconee County for this facility." Local officials on hand included South Carolina Senate President Thomas Alexander, Oconee County Councilmen Julian Davis, John Elliott and Glenn Hart, county administrator Amanda Brock, county attorney David Root and planning director James Coley. Hogan Construction is the head contractor.