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Training for building held at Hub-Bub

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Upstate Forever, a nonprofit organization that promotes environmentally-safe development, is hosting its EarthCraft House Builder Training from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Wednesday in the showroom at the Hub-Bub building in downtown Spartanburg.

The EarthCraft House program, which started in 2002 in Georgia as a partnership with the Greater Atlanta Homebuilders Association, emphasizes the lowering of construction wastes, the use of recycled and environmentally-friendly products and construction practices that reduce energy use.

Since its inception the program has become available throughout the Southeast. With the help of Upstate Forever, it was introduced in the Upstate to teach "green" construction practices.

Builders will receive Master Builder credits for the course, which is sponsored by the S.C. Energy Office and the Southface Institute.

For information, call 864-327-0090 or visit www.upstateforever.org.

Abbeville home to new steel company

The S.C. Department of Commerce announced Monday that Carolina Fabrication, a steel fabrication company that produces air scrubbing systems for coal-fired power plants, will locate its headquarters and manufacturing facility in Abbeville County.

The company has purchased and will occupy the former Great Dane (Strick) Plant in the Lakelands

Industrial Park.

Carolina Fabrication executives said they will invest more than \$5 million and hire 120 people for high-wage, high-skill manufacturing positions during the plant's first year of operation.

The company said it would hire about 180 employees by the end of its third year of operation.

The company intends to have full-scale operations underway by January 1.

Applications for employment can be mailed to Phil Edwards, general manager and human resources director for Carolina Fabrication, at 1439 Cambridge Street Extension, Lakelands Commerce Center, Abbeville, South Carolina 29620-4228.

readySC is

officially launched

The Center for Accelerated Technology Training's (CATT) new readySC has been officially launched.

This launch culminates a six-month effort by the state to re-brand its workforce training program.

The new slogan, logo and other elements will be used by readySC to market the state's workforce training program to prospects and site selection consultants across the country and around the world.

"The program has successfully delivered a skilled, trained, and readily available workforce for companies that have chosen to expand or locate in South Carolina. Thanks in part to these efforts, more people are prepared and working today than ever before," said Joe Taylor, South Carolina Secretary of Commerce, in a statement.

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