



## South Carolina's Chamber Alliance

### **PURPOSE**

South Carolina's chambers collectively working together for the state's business community are key. Together they can give a voice and have a real impact for the state's business community and specifically the state's small business community which is the cornerstone of jobs in South Carolina. For this reason, the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce has formed the Chamber Alliance. This partnership aims to bring chambers together and empower small businesses to solve the issues they face.

### **OVERVIEW**

#### **CHAMBER ALLIANCE-State, Regional and Local Chambers in South Carolina**

Any local or regional chamber that is a member of the SC Chamber of Commerce is part of the Chamber Alliance (hereinafter referred to as "Alliance Partners").

#### *ALLIANCE PARTNERS BENEFITS*

- SC Chamber of Commerce will host tri-quarterly lunch meetings for Alliance Partners so chambers across the state can collaborate and discuss best practices and share ideas.
- Have the opportunity to host a "Grassroots Meeting" to allow your members to provide input in the State Chamber's annual "Competitiveness Agenda."
- Up-to-date information on state policy.
- Use of Chamber conference room and meeting space for your Columbia meetings/events (pending availability).
- Annual collaboration and training for staff.

#### **SC CHAMBER ALLIANCE MEMBERS-Small Business Members of Regional and Local Chambers that are provided a membership in the State Chamber at no cost.**

At the option of the local or regional chamber, all active members who employ ten or fewer full-time employees statewide are eligible to become "Alliance Members" in the SC Chamber of Commerce at no additional cost.

#### *ALLIANCE MEMBERS BENEFITS*

- Membership in the SC Chamber of Commerce at no additional cost (contingent upon remaining in good standing with their local chamber and having ten or fewer full-time employees statewide.)
- Eligibility to participate on the SC Chamber of Commerce Small Business Council and affect policy change.
- SC Chamber of Commerce e-newsletter, *Chamber Buzz*.

- Digital copies of all SC Chamber of Commerce publications; ASCEND Magazine, Workforce & Jobs Report and Legislative Scorecard.  
(Alliance members may voluntarily opt-out of any and all contact lists at any time via communication links or by contacting the South Carolina Chamber directly.)
- Discounted member pricing for SC Chamber of Commerce events and essCert program.
- Access to SC Chamber of Commerce Member Training programs.
- A voice at the statehouse through the SC Chamber of Commerce lobbying team.
- Up-to-date information on legislative activities during session.

### **PROCEDURES FOR ALLIANCE DATA TRANSFER**

1. Identify your current members that have ten or fewer full time employees statewide.
2. Fill in the Excel template attached with your members' contact information to be integrated into the SC Chamber of Commerce "Alliance Member" database.
3. Annually update and return the list of qualified Alliance members at your annual membership renewal date to the SC Chamber of Commerce. If at any time you wish to add or change a member, you may do so by contacting Judith Whisman directly using the below contact information.

PLEASE RETURN FORMATTED ALLIANCE MEMBER LIST TO:

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