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Please join with me to offer "Congratulations!" to North Industrial Machine and PolyQuest on being honored with the 2017 Industry Impact Award. I am very proud of our local industries and the work that they do in our community. Darlington County represented the Pee Dee region with distinction.

Frank



North Industrial Machine



PolyQuest

S.C. Department of Commerce announces 2017 Industry Impact Awards

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State celebrates industry for 26th year

COLUMBIA, S.C. - As part of the 26th annual Industry Appreciation series, the S.C. Department of Commerce recognized its 2017 Industry Impact Award recipients during an event on Thursday, May 11 at The Hall at Senate's End in Columbia, S.C. Honoring businesses that have made significant contributions to their communities and state, the recipients were selected within a certain employment size and county development tier group.

"South Carolina continues to have one of the most pro-business climates in the world, and this couldn't be possible without the partnerships we've forged with companies both large and small. These local businesses -- and their leaders -- form the backbone of our state's economy, and I congratulate them on this deserved recognition," said Governor Henry McMaster.

Each year, S.C. Commerce joins local communities to thank businesses for their vital contributions to South Carolina's economy with an Industry Appreciation event. Nominees for this year's Industry Impact Awards were judged based on a number of factors, including capital investment, job creation, community engagement and environmental stewardship.

"The secret to South Carolina's economic success is its people, and we will always honor the fine work they do," said Secretary of Commerce Bobby Hitt.

"The state's Industry Appreciation events are a long-running tradition, and we're proud of this year's recipients."

In addition to presenting the 2017 Industry Impact Awards, the state also recognized three businesses with a South Carolina Export Achievement Award and one firm with a Recycling Industry Excellence award. S.C. Economics ([link is external](#)) also recognized five students as Young Entrepreneurs of the Year. For photos of the awards recipients, please visit [S.C. Commerce's flickr page](#).

2017 Industry Impact Awards:

	Small Companies	Medium Companies	Large Companies
Tier 1	Anderson Hydra Platforms York County	Mars Petcare Richland County	Shutterfly York County
Tier 2	Colombo Energy Greenwood County	Colgate-Palmolive Co. Greenwood County	BMW Manufacturing Spartanburg County
Tier 3	Polyquest Darlington County	North Industrial Machine Darlington County	Nutramax Laboratories Lancaster County
Tier 4	Vapor Apparel Union County	Standard Textile Union County	Gestamp Union County

<https://www.sccommerce.com/news/sc-department-commerce-announces-2017-industry-impact-awards>



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