

POWERING THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY IN NORTH CAROLINA

The plastics industry remains one of the strongest components of North Carolina's diverse manufacturing sector. Based on the most recent data, more than 400 plastics manufacturing and processing companies employ close to 40,000 people in the state. Additionally, plastics dependant industries—sectors like healthcare, automotive and aerospace—combine to employ another 725,000 North Carolinians.

Industry Resources

North Carolina has a long and successful track record of supporting its existing industry, and plastics production is no exception. From workforce training to consulting services, powerful resources exist to support continued growth of this important industry. A few examples include:

The North Carolina Polymers Center of Excellence, which was formally created in 1999, partners with UNC Charlotte, NC State University and the NC Industrial Extension Service to provide industry training, material testing, consulting services and technical support across the State of North Carolina.

The Eastern North Carolina Plastics Technology Center is a combined effort of six community colleges including Edgecombe, Johnston, Nash, Wake Technical, Wayne and Wilson Technical. This facility provides students with hands-on training using the industry's latest equipment.

The Nonwovens Institute was launched in 2007 as the world's first accredited program for the interdisciplinary study of engineered fabrics. The Institute, which has a heavy focus on polymer technology, is dedicated to expanding the nonwovens industry through research, training and education.



Plastics companies in the state manufacture everything from bottles to medical devices.

Plastics Companies in Public Power Communities

Absolute Plastics, Wilson
CTL Packaging, Gastonia
CMI Plastics, Inc., Ayden

FlexSol Packaging Corp., Statesville
Pencell Plastics, Rocky Mount
Penn Compression Moulding, Smithfield

Rempac Foam Corp., Lumberton
Triad Fabco, High Point
Welex, Inc., Greenville

Public Power in North Carolina

ElectriCities partners with its 70 member cities, towns and university systems to provide reliable electricity to more than 500,000 residential, commercial and industrial customers across the state. Benefits of public power include:

- ▶ Local electric operations with local decisions
- ▶ Highly reliable electric service
- ▶ Competitive industrial electric rates
- ▶ Excellent customer service



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