THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY industry is easily one of the fastest growing segments of North Carolina’s economy. More than 18,000 technology businesses operate in the state, and collectively employ almost 250,000 people. These companies, which range from single-person start-ups to global giants, are as diverse and innovative as the communities they call home.

INDUSTRY RESOURCES
North Carolina has a long and successful track record of supporting the Information Technology sector. From workforce training to consulting services, powerful resources exist to support continued growth of this industry. Examples include:

**NC TECH** is the unifying voice for the state’s technology community. The membership organization provides networking opportunities and industry advocacy.

**NCIDEA** encourages the growth of technology start-ups and entrepreneurs across the state through a strategic combination of grants, mentorships and other support programs.

The **North Carolina Community College System**, which has significant expertise in the IT industry, offers customized training to eligible new and expanding businesses so new employees are able to hit the ground running.

THE NORTH CAROLINA WORKFORCE
- Ranked #1, Largest Manufacturing Workforce in the Southeast
- Ranked #2, Competitive Labor Environment by Area Development, 2018
- Elite higher Education — 53 colleges and universities including the Tier 1 research universities NCSU, Duke, and UNC
- 22,500+ STEM Degrees Annually

PUBLIC POWER IN N.C.
ElectriCities partners with its 70+ member cities, towns and university systems to provide reliable electricity, competitive rates, and local service to more than 1.2 million residential, commercial and industrial customers across the state.

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