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Berkeley County Hosts Information Session about Manufacturing Training on September 5 *Scholarships to be provided for upcoming ManuFirstSC™ course*

MONCKS CORNER, S.C. - (Friday, August 23, 2019) Berkeley County will host an information meeting to provide training for manufacturing positions on **Thursday, September 5 at 6 p.m.** The meeting will be held at Cross High School. It is open to Berkeley County residents looking for manufacturing jobs.

When: Thursday, September 5 at 6 p.m.

Where: Cross High School, 1293 Old Hwy 6, Cross, SC 29436

Why: Help connect Berkeley County residents with the necessary training for manufacturing positions

Attendees will have the opportunity to sign-up for the upcoming ManuFirstSC™, formerly known as Lean Manufacturing. The course will begin on **Saturday, October 19, 2019** at the Cross High School Campus. This three-week course, concluding on November 12, will provide the necessary training to qualify candidates for positions at industries around Berkeley County and throughout the state of South Carolina. Graduates of the program will have an opportunity to connect with local employers and community partners.

The course is free for candidates who are Berkeley County residents who meet the following requirements:

- be at least 18 years old
- be able to legally work in the United States
- provide documentation of Berkeley County residency
- have a high school diploma or GED
- provide proof of a Bronze WIN/WorkKeys score
- pass a SC SLED background check (paid for by the scholarship)
- pass a basic panel drug screen (paid for by the scholarship)

About ManuFirstSC™ - Berkeley County worked in partnership with Trident Technical College, South Carolina Department of Commerce, Volvo Cars, and Ready SC to pilot the program in June of 2017. More than 150 people graduated from that Lean Manufacturing course, which put them on the path to employment opportunities at Volvo Cars in Ridgeville. Now, neighboring counties have emulated the training program to provide opportunities for residents around the state with more than 900 graduates in the Tri-County area,

including 350 Berkeley County residents. [SC Department of Commerce](#) has rebranded the program to ManuFirstSC™ and has begun to roll it out across the state's technical college system by industry demand.

Participants are asked to register for the information session online at <http://bit.ly/CrossManuFirst>

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