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## ***Aberdeen & Rockfish Railroad***

The Aberdeen & Rockfish (A&R) is a progressive rail transportation company serving customers in Cumberland, Hoke and Moore Counties North Carolina. Our mission is to be the freight carrier of choice in the counties we serve by providing our customers with value-added services that meet and exceed expectations. We strive to do this every day by listening to our customers and working with them to satisfy their needs while reducing supply chain costs. A hallmark of our personal service is frequent and dependable operation at competitive rates.

A&R takes great pride in providing customers with prompt and efficient service for the shipment of virtually any type of commodity from raw materials to finished products. We have over 116 years of experience in providing personal service to North Carolina customers. Together with our transportation partners CSX Transportation, Norfolk Southern, Tidewater Transit and Mid-Atlantic Transloading & Logistics, A&R has access to some of the most cost effective routes and rates serving all of North America.

The Aberdeen & Rockfish interchanges with CSX Transportation at Aberdeen, NC (ABRDN) and Fayetteville, NC (FAYVL) and with Norfolk Southern at Fayetteville, NC (FAYVL). It runs 45.8 route miles through the Sandhills area of North Carolina from Aberdeen to Fayetteville via Raeford.

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## ***American Council of Engineering Companies of North Carolina***

The American Council of Engineering Companies of North Carolina (ACEC/NC) is a professional association of over 210 member firms in North Carolina, employing over 8,000 professional engineers, technicians and scientists. ACEC/NC works to promote the business interests of engineering companies by providing legislative advocacy and business services for member companies. ACEC/NC strives to build relationships between the private and public sectors and acts as a resource to all who are associated with the engineering profession.

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Duke Energy's Economic Development team provides hands-on, high-quality services tailored to meet the needs of our clients and their unique business requirements. Services are performed timely, accurately, confidentially and always *free-of-charge*. Duke is committed to providing customers with a continuous flow of service and expertise and quickly responds to new opportunities. For more information regarding Duke Energy Economic Development, please visit us at: <http://www.considerthecarolinas.com>.

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## ***Haywood County Economic Development Commission***

The mission of Haywood County Economic Development is to foster a healthy and prosperous economy and quality of life for our community through the development of capital investment, job creation and entrepreneurial opportunities while supporting existing business and industry.

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## ***Myrick Construction***

Since 1968, Myrick Construction, Inc. has been a proven leader in general contracting and construction management services in the Carolinas and Virginia. Our success has been built on strong relationships and a commitment to provide our clients with superior quality, value and expertise. At Myrick, we believe that understanding each client's vision and concerns is an invaluable asset to every project. Each of our construction teams is designed to work seamlessly with our clients so we can effectively meet their needs. Our foundation of quality begins with open communication with our clients throughout the entire process so we can not only meet but surpass their expectations.

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## ***North Carolina Biotechnology Center***

The North Carolina Biotechnology Center is a private, non-profit corporation supported by the N.C. General Assembly. Its mission is to provide long-term economic and societal benefits to North Carolina by supporting biotechnology research, business and education statewide.

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## ***North Carolina's Eastern Region Development Commission***

North Carolina's Eastern Region Development Commission is the economic development agency for a 13-county region. The Commission offers confidential site location assistance and information to companies considering the Eastern Region for a business location or expansion. The Eastern Region encompasses nearly 7,000 square miles, with a population exceeding 900,000 and a workforce of more than 400,000.

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## ***North Carolina Railroad Company***

The North Carolina Railroad Company owns and manages the 317-mile rail corridor extending from Morehead City to Charlotte. The railroad carries 70 freight trains and eight passenger trains daily. NCR is the state's oldest corporation and remains at the forefront of rail improvements and partnership development to promote jobs and rail-served industry across the state. It touches nearly a quarter of the state's economy.

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## ***Piedmont Natural Gas***

As North Carolina's largest natural gas distributor, Piedmont Natural Gas plays an important role in the state's growth and economic success by providing clean, efficient and reliable natural gas service to more than 725,000 customers in communities throughout the state, stretching from the mountains of western North Carolina to the Outer Banks on the Atlantic seaboard.

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Progress Energy (NYSE: PGN), headquartered in Raleigh, N.C., is a Fortune 250 diversified energy company with more than 24,500 megawatts of generation capacity and \$9 billion in annual revenues. The company's holdings include two electric utilities serving approximately 2.9 million customers in North Carolina, South Carolina and Florida. Progress Energy also includes non-regulated operations covering competitive generation, energy marketing, natural gas production, fuel extraction and broadband capacity.

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## ***PSNC Energy***

PSNC Energy is franchised to serve a 28-county service area in North Carolina and distributes natural gas to approximately 380,000 winter-peak customers in 95 cities and communities ranging from the Raleigh, Durham and Chapel Hill areas in the north central part of the state; the Concord, Statesville, Gastonia and Forest City areas in the Piedmont; to the Asheville, Hendersonville, Bryson City, Cherokee and Brevard areas in the western part of the state. More information about PSNC Energy is available through the company's web site at [www.psnenergy.com](http://www.psnenergy.com).

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S&ME, Inc. is an award-winning engineering and environmental services firm with over 30 years experience. S&ME employs 880 professionals and support staff in 22 offices in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, the Carolinas, Virginia and Tennessee. S&ME's major service areas are geotechnical engineering, construction materials engineering and testing, environmental engineering and occupational health and safety services.

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## ***The Wooten Company***

The Wooten Company is a full service multi-disciplined engineering, planning and architectural services provider with over 70 years of experience with North Carolina clients. Their clients include municipalities, counties, the state, institutions, the private sector and universities.

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## ***Warren and Associates Design-Build, LLC***

Warren and Associates Design-Build, LLC, headquartered in Greenville, South Carolina, is an employee-owned company which provides "undivided responsibility" in the planning, design, engineering and construction of projects. Founded in 2006 by Don Warren, DBIA, a charter member of DBIA, the company operates primarily throughout the Carolinas from its headquarters in Greenville, South Carolina and focuses exclusively on Design-Build project delivery for commercial, industrial, distribution, and church-related facilities. "Integrity is everything" is our mantra. Our people is what sets us apart and our commitment is to do what we say we are going to do, when we say we are going to do it.

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WK Dickson is a multi-disciplined consulting firm specializing in total community infrastructure solutions including: Environmental and Water Resources Engineering; Transportation Planning & Design; Community Planning and Development; and Geospatial Technology. Our goal is to help communities improve the lives of its citizens through sound, ecologically responsible design principals. The firm has been headquartered in Charlotte, North Carolina since its founding in 1929. It has grown to operate nine regional offices strategically located throughout the Southeastern United States. The company maintains offices in Charlotte, Hickory, Raleigh and Wilmington, North Carolina; Columbia, South Carolina; Augusta, Atlanta and Savannah, Georgia; and Louisville, Kentucky.

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## ***Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice PLLC***

Our economic development team includes lawyers, financial and tax experts and seasoned political and public affairs strategists and tacticians. Led by the state's only four-term governor, we help companies and consultants navigate the maze of issues involved in site selection, and we work in concert with state, county and local economic developers to bring the project in. The success of your economic development program is our mutual objective.

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