

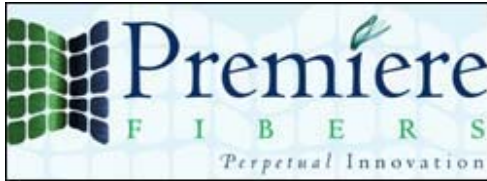


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**Print This Story****United States Of America : Premiere Fibers brings jobs, investment to Anson County**

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Gov. Bev Perdue announced that UFS Holdings-Premiere Fibers Inc., a national manufacturer of yarn products made from synthetic fiber, will expand in Anson County. The company plans to invest \$2.5 million and create 20 jobs during the next three years. The announcement was made possible in part by a \$50,200 grant from the One North Carolina Fund.

"North Carolina remains attractive to national manufacturing firms, thanks to our skilled workforce, superb quality of life and business-friendly policies," Perdue said. "Companies like UFS Holdings are succeeding through the investment and jobs they bring to our state."

UFS, or Universal Fiber Systems, is headquartered in Virginia. The company also has facilities in China and Thailand and owns the Premiere Fibers Inc. plant in Ansonville. The plant produces synthetic continuous filament for diverse uses in the military, industrial, technical, apparel, hosiery, upholstery and other markets.

Premiere Fibers plans to convert an existing yarn spinning line at its Ansonville facility to produce high-performance fabrics for the military. Salaries for the 20 new positions will vary by job function, but the overall average wage will be \$24,204 a year, not including benefits.

"We are very thankful to receive the One NC Fund grant. We will be working hard to retool Premiere Fibers to preserve and create jobs in Anson County with cutting-edge technology," said Company President John Amirtharaj. "We have an efficient operation in Anson County with a dedicated workforce. The desire to preserve this workforce and to create more jobs made the decision to reinvest in Premiere possible along with the support we are getting from North Carolina and Anson County, who are both interested in our success."

The One North Carolina Fund provides financial assistance through local governments to attract business projects that will stimulate economic activity and create new jobs in the state. Through the use of the One North Carolina Fund, more than 40,000 jobs and \$6.5 billion in investment have been created since 2001. All of these grants require at least 100 percent local matches.

"During these tough economic times, we must continue to make the investments that will create jobs for this region and for North Carolina," said Sen. Bill Purcell.

"North Carolina continues to be a great state for businesses to locate and expand because of our tremendous workforce and Anson County welcomes these new jobs," said Rep. Pryor Gibson.

North Carolina continues to have a top-ranked business climate. Through Gov. Perdue's JobsNOW initiative, the state will work aggressively to create jobs, train and retrain our workforce, and lay the foundation for a strong and sustainable economic future.

Other partners who helped make this announcement possible include the N.C. Department of Commerce and the Anson County Economic Development Commission.

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