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Siemens to invest \$50M, add 226 jobs in Charlotte

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Siemens Energy Inc. says it will create 226 engineering jobs and invest \$50 million to expand its Charlotte operations over the next five years.

The company, based in Orlando, Fla., currently has 740 workers at its 550,000-square-foot manufacturing facility on Westinghouse Boulevard.

The new jobs will include engineering employees and manufacturing workers, and they will be housed in a new, 75,000-square-foot office facility adjacent to the

existing manufacturing plant. The company will be eligible for \$2.74 million in state incentives over nine years if it sustains the new jobs. If approved, Siemens also will receive up to \$2.3 million over five years from the city and county.

The average annual wage of the jobs will start at \$49,082 in 2009 and increase to \$66,463 in 2013.

N.C. Gov. Bev Perdue announced the expansion at a press conference Thursday.

Siemens Energy is part of Siemens AG and provides products and services for the generation, transmission and distribution of power. The company's business is broken into six divisions: oil and gas, fossil power generation, renewable energy, energy service, power transmission and power distribution.

The Charlotte operation falls within the fossil power division. It manufactures and services steam turbines and electric generators.

Interestingly, the fossil power division holds a 34 percent stake in **Areva NP**, a division of French nuclear company **Areva S.A.** that designs and builds nuclear power plants. Areva NP also is considering an expansion in Charlotte but has broadened its search to include sites in Virginia.

Bob Morgan, Charlotte Chamber president, says in a statement: "We are grateful to Siemens for entrusting Charlotte with this additional commitment of jobs and capital investment."

The announcement comes on the heels of news last month that **Toshiba America**

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Nuclear Energy will open a national project management and engineering center in Charlotte. It will create 194 jobs here over the next five years. The nuclear engineering and construction management jobs will carry an average annual wage of \$122,037, excluding benefits.

The company will be investing \$2.8 million and will receive up to \$4.9 million over nine years through a job development investment grant.

Other energy companies such as **The Shaw Group Inc.**, **URS Corp.** and **Sencera International** have also announced expansions in Charlotte over the past year.

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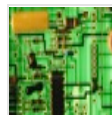
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