

South Carolina- Stronger Economies Together (SET)

Stronger Economies Together (SET) enables communities and counties in rural America to work together in developing and implementing an economic development blueprint for their multi-county region that strategically builds on the current and emerging economic strengths of that region.

Creating, attracting and retaining jobs as a single rural county, in isolation from other nearby counties, is becoming increasingly ineffective. In today's global marketplace, economic development progress is more likely to be realized when rural and metro counties work together as a region to assess, design, and implement plans that build on their assets and comparative economic strengths.

Launched in 2010 by USDA Rural Development and the nation's four Regional Rural Development Centers and their land-grant university partners, the exciting initiative is now in place in nearly 40 regions in 19 states.



SC SET Selected Region

We are excited to announce that Allendale, Bamberg and Orangeburg Counties (Team O-A-B) have been selected to participate in SET. The region consists of three contiguous counties, Allendale, Bamberg and Orangeburg Counties reaching from the Midlands southwest to the Georgia border and connected to the remainder of the state via interstates I-26 on the north and I-95 on the east. While not specifically designated as an economic region, they are three of the counties that make up the Lower Savannah Workforce Investment Area. The counties are economically interdependent, due to geographic access (through Orangeburg County) and similarities in economic demographics.

For more information regarding SET Program and SET Team in South Carolina, please visit <http://www.clemson.edu/set>