LOCATION
As depicted on the cover, West Columbia is in the central section of the state in Lexington County. Charleston, South Carolina's busiest port, is 110 miles southeast. Columbia is east and Greenville is 101 miles northwest. West Columbia is 215 miles east of Atlanta; 692 miles south of New York; and 2,738 miles east of San Francisco.

POPULATION
The 1980 census population of the city of West Columbia was 10,409. This was a 32.8% increase from the 1970 population of 7,838. The 1982 estimated population was 11,092. The population within a 15-mile radius is 386,801 and within a 30-mile radius is 479,411.

Lexington County had a 1980 census population of 140,353, a 57.7% increase from the 1970 population of 89,012. The 1985 estimated county population is 174,200 and the 1990 projected population is 195,200.

CLIMATE
The climate in the West Columbia area is temperate with a mean annual temperature of 63.5° F. The average temperature during January is 45.4° F., while the average July temperature is 81.2° F. The average relative humidity daily is 83% at 1:00 a.m.; 87% at 7:00 a.m.; 52% at 1:00 p.m.; 65% at 7:00 p.m.

The mean annual precipitation in the West Columbia area is 46.36 inches and the average growing season is 224 days. The elevation of West Columbia is 200 feet above sea level.

COMMUNICATIONS
The Journal is published weekly in the community and two large dailies are published in Columbia. Thirteen radio stations serve the tri-city area of West Columbia, Columbia and Cayce. Television reception is available from four Columbia stations, representing the three major networks,
educational television and an inspirational station. Telephone service in the community is provided by Southern Bell of BellSouth Corporation.

GOVERNMENT
The community has a council form of municipal government. The eight city council members and the mayor are elected for four year terms. Lexington County is governed locally by an eight member county council and an administrator. Council members are elected for four-year terms.

POLICE AND FIRE
The West Columbia Police Department has 28 full-time police officers. The department operates 26 radio equipped patrol cars. The West Columbia Fire Department has 21 full-time firemen who operate five pumper trucks and one rescue vehicle. West Columbia's insurance rating is Class 5.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
West Columbia has seven branch banks and two savings and loan associations to serve the financial needs of the community. The banks have total assets of over $9.0 billion, while the savings and loans have assets of over $1.6 billion.

HOTELS AND MOTELS
The tri-city area of West Columbia, Columbia and Cayce has over 56 hotels and motels with a total of over 3,400 overnight accommodations.

CHURCHES
The tri-city area has over 290 churches. Thirty-eight religious faiths are represented, including Catholic, Jewish and Protestant denominations.

EDUCATION
West Columbia, which is included in Lexington District 2, has seven elementary schools, three middle schools and one high school. The student/teacher ratio is 18.8 to 1, with 377 teachers and 7,095 students. Private schooling is available in the area and provides both elementary and secondary education.

Higher education facilities for the area are provided by Midlands Technical College, Allen University, Benedict College, Columbia College and the University of South Carolina. Other higher education institutions in the area specialize in business, religious and commercial education.

MEDICAL SERVICES
Medical services for the community are provided by the 280-bed Lexington County Hospital and the new Charter Rivers Hospital for Alcohol and Substance Abuse. General hospitals, an Army Hospital, the State Mental Hospital and a Veterans Administration Hospital are located in the adjacent city of Columbia. The community is served by 21 privately-practicing dentists and 58 privately-practicing medical doctors.

RECREATION AND CIVIC FACILITIES
Recreation facilities in the tri-city area include 30 indoor movie theaters, five bowling alleys, four public and nine private golf courses, several recreation centers and numerous parks and playgrounds. Collegiate spectator sports, concerts, dramatic presentations, fine art exhibitions, museums, historical sites and cultural activities provide additional sources of recreation and entertainment. Lake Murray, 15 miles away, provides areas for fishing, boating, sailing, swimming, water skiing, and camping. The city is midway between mountain and coastal resort communities.

POWER
Electric power is available to the community and surrounding areas from South Carolina Electric & Gas Company and Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative. During 1985, SCE&G projects a system reserve of 38.2% with an existing generating capacity of 3,959 megawatts. SCE&G is committed to having sufficient reserves to meet the immediate and future energy requirements of its service area. Being a major exporter of electric power, SCE&G maintains inter-tie connections with five neighboring utilities.

Electric power for Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative is supplied by Central Electric Power Cooperative and South Carolina Public Service Authority. The generation capacity of plants in operation or under construction totals over 3,200 megawatts with approximately 73% produced from coal. Interconnections are maintained with neighboring power suppliers. Sufficient reserves are available to meet immediate and future industrial power requirements. Economic Development Incentive Rates are available for qualifying industries.

FUELS
Natural gas is supplied by South Carolina Electric & Gas Company.

WATER
The community obtains its municipal water supply from the Saluda River. The system is capable of supplying water at a maximum rate of 6.0 million gallons per day, with an average daily demand of 2.8 million gallons. Treated water storage consists of 1.7 million gallons in elevated storage and 890,000 gallons in ground storage.

Analysis of water supplied in the community:

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SEWER
The city of West Columbia is presently using the
wastewater treatment plant in adjacent Columbia. Columbia’s plant has a capacity of 40 million gpd with an average daily flow of 27 million gallons.

LABOR
Because labor information may change in this area, a current labor availability report prepared and kept up to date by the S. C. State Development Board will be furnished to prospective manufacturers at their request. The comprehensive report will include sources of recruitable labor, labor force characteristics, work force skill levels, earnings data and other pertinent information. The S. C. State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education has the resources to recruit and train workers in accordance with a company’s entry criteria. This training is at little or no cost to the employer. A lead time schedule is developed to coordinate recruiting, testing, selecting, and training. This assures that persons will be able to move from training to their respective jobs at the time the plant is ready for initial production.

TRANSPORTATION
West Columbia is served by three interstate highways, I-20, I-26 and I-77, two United States highways and two South Carolina highways. The community is served by two railroads: The Seaboard System Railroad and the Norfolk Southern Railroad Corporation. The West Columbia area is served by 60 authorized motor carriers, 29 of which have terminal facilities in the area.

Freight Delivery Times:
To: By Rail: By Truck:
Atlanta 2 days 1 day
Baltimore 3 days 3 days
Chicago 4 days 3 days
Houston 6 days 3 days
New York 4 days 4 days
St. Louis 4 days 4 days
San Francisco 6 days 5 days

The Columbia Metropolitan Airport, four miles from the community, offers regularly scheduled commercial airline service on American, Bankair, Delta, Eastern, People Express, Piedmont and United. Private aircraft also utilize the Columbia Metropolitan Airport, which has paved and lighted runways of 8,600 and 5,001 feet. Services available at the Columbia Metropolitan Airport are major airframe and major powerplant repairs, a modern air freight terminal, 100LL and Jet A fuel, RBn, Unicom and Vortac.

FOREIGN TRADE ZONE
A Foreign Trade Zone is located in Summerville, South Carolina, 25 miles from the Port of Charleston and 85 miles from the community. The Foreign Trade Zone allows manufacturers to store, manufacture, or process goods without paying U.S. Customs duties or worrying about quota compliance. This Foreign Trade Zone is served by a multimode transportation network which provides excellent accessibility to market areas. In addition, the Columbia Metropolitan Airport achieved port of entry status in 1983 and serves this area.

TAXES
The assessment on industrial property in South Carolina is 10.5% of the market value. New industry is granted a five-year moratorium on general county taxes (with the exception of school taxes). The city tax rate is $4.00 per $100 of assessed value. The county rate is $16.00 per $100 of assessed value. The effective city tax rate (tax liability per $100 of market value) is $4.42. The effective county tax rate is $1.68. The state has no tax on a manufacturer’s inventories, goods-in-process, raw materials or finished goods. Treatment facilities or equipment of manufacturing plants which control water or air pollution are exempt from all property taxation.

INDUSTRIAL SITES
Industrial sites are available in West Columbia with a wide range of geographic and topographic features. In all probability, a site that will meet the needs of most industries’ requirements has been identified, catalogued, and entered into the State Development Board’s Computerized Site Selection System. Detailed site information is available and will be furnished upon request.

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

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