

Local Business Report

Q1 2026

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Introducing the Local Business Support Program

A core economic development strategy focused on proactively engaging with existing local businesses to understand their needs, overcome growth obstacles, and prevent relocations or closures. Cabarrus Economic Development Corporation's (EDC) local business support primarily focuses on manufacturing and distribution which are often key providers of large capital investments, job creation and high wages and can offer long-term career ladders. The EDC also supports the work of our collaborative partners at Flywheel, which provides business support resources for entrepreneurs and startups.

Practical Ways Economic Development Supports Industry

1. Coordinating with NCDOT during severe weather events to support safe and reliable employee access to facilities.
2. Encouraging manufacturers to participate in regional wage surveys to assess and maintain competitive compensation that enhances employees' quality of life.
3. Connecting employers with workforce development resources, such as NC Works, to identify and recruit qualified talent within Cabarrus County.
4. Assisting companies in navigating expanding water and sewer infrastructure needs to enable growth and facilitate job creation.
5. Partnering with the Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina to secure customized workforce training funds and enhance employee skill development.

**The Every Day
Bottom Line**

The Cabarrus EDC helps industry run smoothly and grow by supporting workforce needs, infrastructure, and partnerships—**making it easier to create jobs and improve opportunities for people in the community.**

COMPANY VISITS



CORNING



For manufacturers that would like to meet with the EDC, please see email information on the second page to schedule a visit.

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Unlocking Value: Inside the Industry Resource Snapshot



Cabarrus EDC's Local Business Support Program is introducing the **Industry Resource Snapshot**, a dynamic monthly platform designed to keep manufacturers informed and competitive. Each edition will spotlight high impact resources across a broad range of topics—including workforce training grants, utility rebates, foreign trade zones, and more—delivering timely insights that support operational efficiency, cost savings, and long-term growth.

Small Business and Entrepreneurial Activity

April Venture Mentoring Service Mentor Breakfast: 20 Participants

Venture Mentoring Service (VMS) is a Flywheel™ premier program offering at the Cabarrus Center, connecting business founders with exceptional advisory services.

Flywheel™

Built to Roll Seminar: Launching Your Mobile Food Business

Spend the afternoon learning from industry experts and seasoned food truck owners as they break down everything from shaping your concept and navigating the North Carolina mobile food landscape to understanding the financial foundations behind a profitable operation.



Staying connected with our manufacturers helps the Cabarrus EDC to anticipate your needs, remove barriers to growth, and support continued competitiveness. If you have questions or need specific support, please reach out to the Cabarrus EDC team - we are here to help!



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