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## **White Oak Carpet Mills, LLC Expands in Rutherford County**

On June 29, 2015 Governor Pat McCrory and North Carolina Commerce Secretary John E. Skvarla III announced that White Oak Carpet Mills, LLC, a manufacturer of finely crafted custom designed carpets and rugs that has been operating in North Carolina for 16 years, will expand its operations in Rutherford County. The company plans to create 40 new manufacturing jobs over the next three years and invest more than \$4.1 million in the town of Spindale over the same period. To accommodate the company's existing operations and the proposed expansion, White Oak Carpet Mills, LLC plans to renovate and relocate into an existing vacant facility located at 1553 Old Ballpark Road in Spindale.

"This announced expansion and the resulting new jobs are great opportunities for our community and the Town of Spindale will do its part in supporting the efforts of Rutherford County and the State of North Carolina in providing the necessary assistance to White Oak Carpet Mills, LLC" stated Spindale Mayor Mickey Bland. "It is certainly great to see one of our vacant textile facilities getting a breath of new life and being repurposed as a catalyst for new jobs in Spindale. On behalf of the Town of Spindale and the Board of Commissioners, I want to extend my sincere thanks to White Oak Carpet Mills, LLC."

This project was made possible in part by a performance-based grant from the One North Carolina Fund of up to \$25,000. The grant is contingent upon proof of investment, job creation and receipt of local matching funds. Rutherford County will partner with the Town of Spindale to provide the required local match for the One North Carolina Fund grant through the award of Local Industrial Incentive Grants approved by the respective governing bodies.

"On behalf of the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners, we want to thank White Oak Carpet Mills, LCC for their continued investment in Rutherford County and their confidence in our citizens whom they will employ. Rutherford County is pro business and we look forward to assisting any company that is looking for a great place to locate or expand," stated Chairman Bryan King, Rutherford County Board of Commissioner. "I would like to thank Governor McCrory for the state's support of this project. I also want to thank all who have contributed efforts to attract new jobs to our county as a result of this existing industrial expansion".

"Rutherford County Economic Development Commission extends our sincere thanks and appreciation to White Oak Carpet Mills, LLC for choosing to expand their operations in Rutherford County," said Chairman Terry Hines. "I also want to thank the Town of Spindale, the NC Community College System, the Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina, the NC Department of Commerce, the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners, County Manager Steve Garrison, Rutherford County Economic Development staff and all who have assisted with this industrial expansion project."

The mission of Rutherford County Economic Development is to retain and recruit new jobs and investment to the county for both industrial and commercial development. Rutherford County has a population of 67,810 and is centrally located between Charlotte, NC, Asheville, NC and Greenville, SC. With a strong infrastructure system including roads, water, sewer and fiber, the county is well positioned for growth as the economy continues to improve.