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GREENVILLE-PITT COUNTY CHAMBER RECEIVES 5-STAR ACCREDITATION

Greenville-Pitt Chamber is only 5-star accredited Chamber in North Carolina

GREENVILLE, NC – The United States Chamber of Commerce awarded the Greenville-Pitt County Chamber of Commerce with a 5-Star Accreditation for their sound policies, effective organizational procedures, and positive impact on their communities.

“It is critical that business leaders have a voice in the debates that will shape the business climate in their communities,” said Raymond P. Towle, IOM, CAE, U.S. Chamber vice president of Federation Relations and Institute for Organization Management. “Accreditation recognizes a chamber’s work to foster a healthy business climate that enhances the quality of life for its members and its community.”

Accreditation is the only national program that recognizes chambers for their effective organizational procedures and community involvement. In order to receive Accreditation, a chamber must meet minimum standards in their operations and programs, including areas of governance, government affairs, and technology. This extensive self-review can take 6-9 months to complete.

“This is a testament to our staff, our board and our entire membership,” said Kate Teel, president of the Greenville-Pitt County Chamber. “This entire organization has an unwavering commitment to business and to community prosperity, and it shows. We are honored to be recognized for the level of excellence we strive to practice every day,” Teel said.

Local chambers are rated Accredited, 3-Stars, 4-Stars, or 5-Stars. State chambers are recognized as either Accredited State Chamber or Accredited State Chamber with Distinction. The final determination is made by the Accrediting Board, a committee of U.S. Chamber board members.

The Greenville-Pitt County Chamber’s first national recognition was in 2009 when it was recognized with a 5-Star Accreditation from The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, followed by an additional 5-Star Accreditation in 2014.

The U.S. Chamber is the world's largest business federation representing more than 3 million businesses and organizations of every size, sector, and region.

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