

## DENNIS CORPORATION HONORED WITH 2008 FITZ-JOHN CREIGHTON McMASTER BUSINESS-INDUSTRY OF THE YEAR AWARD

June 18, 2009

**Winnsboro, SC** - On June 18, 2009, Dennis Corporation was awarded the 2009 Fitz-John Creighton McMaster Business-Industry of the Year Award by the Fairfield County Chamber of Commerce. The ceremony was held at the Chamber's 2009 Annual Membership Banquet, Chamber members, State and County representatives, local businesses and citizens, all celebrating companies that are leading contributors to the County.

Beginning in 2008, the Fairfield County Chamber of Commerce decided to recognize a business or industry leader who contributed to the quality of life in the community. In honor of Fitz-John Creighton McMaster, the award honors successful business leaders who were raised in, grew up and/ or went away to school and return to make a very positive impact on the community. Specifically, the award judges those who made outstanding achievements in business growth, performance, sound strategies and practices; continuous improvement in customer service strategies, practices and business challenges; community involvement with unique and innovative approaches, practices, active chamber membership, attendance at chamber functions and committee participation.

Since 2006, Dennis Corporation has been very involved with the County when they were selected as Fairfield County's engineer. Shortly after that time, Dennis Corporation saw the need



**Chamber Chairman, Mr. Will Howard, and Mrs. Anne McMaster present the 2009 Fitz-John Creighton McMaster Business-Industry Award to Dennis Corporation.**

to hire additional Fairfield County employees and open a satellite office in downtown Winnsboro. Over the past three years, this relationship has worked together to complete nearly 50 projects that have improved the infrastructure needs and revamped the economic development opportunities for the County.

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# NEWS RELEASE

Today, Dennis Corporation has four offices across the state with another in West Virginia. In addition, the firm employs over 80 professionals, including several natives of Fairfield County. Much of this success is attributed to Dennis Corporation's relationship with Fairfield County. Together, the two have been recognized for accomplishments on multiple projects by Carolinas Associated General Contractors, American Council of Engineering Companies, South Carolina Association of Counties, Asphalt Recycling and Reclaiming Association, Roads and Bridges magazine, Portland Cement Association and other publications.

Dennis Corporation and its employees have given back to the community by participating in and contributing to: Rock Around the Clock Festival, Winnsboro Volunteer Fire Department, Fairfield County Recreation Association, Richard Winn Academy Booster Club, Fairfield Intermediate School, Fairfield Central High, Fairfield County's Disabilities and Special Needs Board and Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, to name a few.

Dennis Corporation is a South Carolina licensed civil engineering, surveying and construction management firm. Dennis Corporation's specific fields of expertise include aviation engineering, civil infrastructure, construction management, construction services, expert witness, intelligent transportation systems, program management, special projects, surveying, traffic engineering and transportation engineering.



Local businesses and residents socialize during the banquet



Fairfield County Native, Mr. Heyward Mattox of Dennis Corporation enjoying the banquet



Mr. Dan Dennis accepting the award on behalf of Dennis Corporation