



## MiTek to add 29 jobs in Edenton

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**Chowan County — which has seen its unemployment rate soar above 12 percent this year** — finally got some good economic news last week.

A Missouri-based manufacturer of building products, software and equipment announced plans to expand its operations in Chowan County, adding 29 new jobs over the next three years.

MiTek Industries, which operates a building truss component stamping plant in Edenton, recently acquired Aegis Metal Framing, a company providing products and technology for the steel truss and components industry, a press release states.

MiTek currently employs 75 workers at its Edenton plant. It will add to those jobs by relocating Aegis' operations to Edenton, the release states.

The move represents a \$2 million investment by MiTek in its Edenton operations, the release states.

The 29 new jobs at MiTek will pay an annual average wage of \$26,138, not including benefits.

Fred Powers, vice president and general manager of MiTek's Edenton operations, credited state and local officials for helping the company make the move. The company has operated a plant in Edenton for nearly 50 years, Powers said.

MiTek will receive a \$28,000 grant from the state's One North Carolina Fund if it meets its job creation and investment targets, the release states.

MiTek Industries is a subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway, is a global supplier of engineered products and services for the building components industry. MiTek has 49 offices and manufacturing facilities worldwide, including 10 in the United States.

Chowan County, which has had the area's highest unemployment rate for months, actually reported a slight decrease in joblessness in March. The county's unemployment rate in March was 11.8 percent, down from 12.5 percent in February.

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