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**Subject:** Press Conference: SEC Women's Basketball Tournament (confidential)  
**Location:** Bon Secours Wellness Arena, 650 N Academy St, Greenville, S.C.  
**When:** 5/16/2016 11:00:00 AM - 11:45:00 AM

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**EVENT:** Press Conference: SEC Women's Basketball Tournament

**DATE:** Monday, May 16, 2016

**TIME:** 11:00 AM

**LOCATION:** Bon Secours Wellness Arena, 650 N Academy St, Greenville, S.C. (The press conference will take place on the actual floor of the arena.)

**LOCATION SET-UP:** A stage to be set up on the Arena floor with seating for guests also set up on the floor. There will be a media deck in the back.

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**PURPOSE:** Gov. Haley will join other officials in a press conference announcing that the Southeastern Conference has awarded the 2017 SEC Women's Basketball Tournament to Greenville, S.C. The tournament will take place on March 1- 5, 2017.

**PRESS:** Yes.

**PUBLIC:** Yes.

**REQUESTED BY:** Duane Parrish (Duane will not attend because he has a dr. appointment this day.)

**INTRODUCED BY:** SEC Commissioner Greg Sankey

**LENGTH OF SPEAKING:** 5 minutes of remarks/ Q&A at the end

**ATTENDEES:**

SEC Commissioner Greg Sankey  
Mayor Knox White  
Dr. Bob Taylor (County Council Representative)  
Beth Paul (BSWA)  
Chris Stone(VGSC)  
Maria Taylor (Emcee)

**SPEAKING ORDER/LINE-BY-LINE:**

11:00 AM Emcee welcomes crowd introduces Commissioner Sankey and Governor Haley  
11:05 AM Sankey/ Haley announce Greenville as home of SEC Women's Basketball Tournament in 2017  
Remarks by Greg Sankey- possible talking point: importance of SEC returning to South Carolina  
Remarks by Nikki Haley- possible talking point: impact the last year has had on the future of SC  
11:20 AM Remarks by Beth Paul- talking points: building, VGSC and County Council  
Introduces Mayor White  
11:25 AM Remarks by Mayor White- support from city on tournament  
11:30 AM Emcee thanks everyone for coming  
11:30-11:45 AM Q&A from media with Governor Haley, Commissioner Sankey, Beth Paul, Chris Stone  
11:45 AM NH Departs  
11:30 AM- 1:00 PM Luncheon in Stella Lounge (NH will not attend)

**SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS:**

- It's certainly a great day in South Carolina when we can announce an exciting event like the 2017 SEC Women's Basketball Tournament coming to downtown Greenville and the return of a major SEC event to our state for the first time in over a decade.
- Greenville's selection as the host destination for this event is a *huge win* for South Carolina, resulting from two significant factors:
  - Of course, one of these factors is the NCAA's decision to lift its ban on South Carolina.
  - The reason this is so important to our state is that we love to have people come from all over the world to see all that South Carolina has to offer, and this is another way to bring those people in and see why we have been called the friendliest and the most patriot state in the county.
  - The other factor in this decision is the continued success of Greenville's always-growing tourism industry.
- Think about how much Greenville has changed, has continued to grow, since the last time this event was held here back in 2005.
- When you see all of the new hotel properties, new restaurants and shops, and new attractions that

- have come to fruition over the past 12 years and it's easy to see why the SEC would jump at the chance to come back to Greenville – a destination that offers an unrivaled array of quality visitor experiences for its athletes and fans.
- Landing this event is certainly a testament to our state's appeal as a travel destination and also to the hard work and forward thinking of the people here in Greenville who allow this fantastic city's tourism industry thrive.
- It also serves a significant potential catalyst for further sports tourism growth by generating greater exposure for South Carolina and elevating our reputation as a premier sports event destination.
- I believe landing this event is a major milestone for tourism in South Carolina, the first of many collegiate sporting events that will see the value and benefit of selecting our state as their next host destination...
- ...and also the first of many sporting events that will help us grow our state's \$19 billion tourism industry.
- We are glad to be back in the consideration set for NCAA post season events and glad that our friends at the SEC have selected Greenville as the host destination for their 2017 Women's Basketball tournament.
- Thank you.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION:**

Between January 2011 and March 2016, the unemployment rate in Greenville County has decreased by 3.7 percentage points from 8.4 percent to 4.7 percent. There are now 28673 more people employed in the county and 7256 fewer people unemployed.

Announcements	Total Capital Investment	Total Jobs
Announced Date	Company Name	Objective Product or Service
2016-04-21	ChartSpan Medical Technologies, Inc.	Expansion bioscience software
2016-04-07	Roy Metal Finishing - Piedmont	Expansion coatings for automotive industry
2016-03-31	SterAssure	New disposal systems for medical waste
2016-03-21	Total Quality Logistics (TQL) - Greenville	New Freight brokerage firm
2016-03-17	Ushers Machine and Tool Co., Inc.	Expansion combustion components
2016-03-16	Fitesa Simpsonville, Inc.	Expansion Non woven fabrics for consumer goods
2016-03-02	Proper Polymers (Proper Group International)	New Injection molded components
2016-02-18	Sun City Produce	New produce
2016-02-11	Bosch Rexroth Corporation	Expansion Hydraulic motors
2016-02-01	Greenco Beverage Company, Inc.	New wholesale beer and soft drink distribution
2015-12-10	SAGE Automotive Interiors	Expansion automotive body cloth
2015-12-03	Earth's Creation USA	New Vitamins & Herbal Supplements
2015-11-12	WYNIT Distribution, LLC	Expansion Outdoor equipment
2015-11-09	JTEKT Automotive South Carolina, Inc.	Expansion not provided
2015-10-27	Sutera USA, LLC	New waste containers
2015-10-26	ScanSource, Inc.	Expansion Technology products and services
2015-10-14	Magna International Inc. - Greenville	New Exterior parts

2015-09-28	Mitsubishi Polyester Film, Inc.	Expansion	Polyester Film
2015-09-23	Cold Mountain Material Corporation	New	textiles for the automotive industry
2015-09-14	Kirchner Design Inc.	New	software for automated production lines
2015-09-10	Aran Packaging	New	Packaging company
2015-07-21	CH2M Hill	Expansion	engineering services company
2015-07-08	Cott Beverages USA	Expansion	manufactures fruit juices and other food
2015-06-17	Pantex Americas Inc.	New	Nonwovens
2015-06-01	Marleylilly LLC	Expansion	Monogrammed accessories and clothing
2015-04-16	SYNNEX Corporation - Greenville	Expansion	Distribution of technology products
2015-03-31	O'Neal, Inc.	Expansion	engineering, procurement and constructi
2014-11-20	SPF North America, Inc.	Expansion	Pet Food
2014-10-01	Solar Atmospheres	New	Heat Treating
2014-09-02	Providence Home Care of SC	Expansion	home health care providers
2014-08-27	ruhlamat America Inc.	New	welding stations
2014-08-20	Mannan Pharmaceuticals LLC	New	HQ & R&D
2014-06-18	O'Donnell Industries (Snoozer Pet Products)	Expansion	Pet Products
2014-06-10	GE - Greenville	New	advanced manufacturing center
2014-06-03	Kimura, Inc.	Expansion	Automotive supplier
2014-05-20	AAA FenceCrafters (formerly RPA Development)	Expansion	fencing and railing products
2014-04-02	Precorp Inc.	Expansion	custom precision cutting tools
2014-03-04	Meyer Tool Inc.	Expansion	Airfoils for Turbines
2014-02-20	Esurance Insurance Services, Inc.	New	Insurance Office
2014-01-16	ChartSpan Medical Technologies, Inc.	New	bioscience software
2014-01-14	Stueken LLC	Expansion	precision metal components
2013-12-19	Advanced Composite Materials, LLC	Expansion	Advanced Materials used to Toughen Ce
2013-11-26	Materials Sciences Corporation	New	Textile Weaving
2013-11-15	Sweet Street Desserts, Inc.	New	Dessert Baking
2013-11-07	Fitesa Simpsonville, Inc.	Expansion	NonWovens
2013-11-01	Kimura, Inc.	New	Automotive supplier
2013-10-08	Roding Technology North America, LLC	New	automotive company involved in design,
2013-09-04	The Crown Group, Inc.	New	Metal Coating and Electroplating
2013-02-19	in-tech GmbH	New	Vehicle Electronic Systems
2013-02-12	TIGGES GmbH	New	Fasteners and Connectors
2013-02-08	SCTool, Inc.	Expansion	Carbide Cutting Tools
2012-11-14	Roy Metal Finishing	Expansion	Corrosion Resistant Coatings and Electro
2012-10-29	Servosity Inc.	Expansion	Software Development
2012-10-18	Siemens Industry, Inc. - Elgin	New	Electronics for the Energy and Healthcare
2012-10-17	MW Industries, Inc.	Expansion	Specialty Spring and Fastener Manufactu
2012-10-04	MAPAL Inc.	New	Metal Cutting Tools
2012-10-03	Carolina Technical Plastics Corporation	New	Automotive Parts
2012-09-28	Drive Automotive Industries of America	Expansion	Automotive Metal Stamping
2012-09-14	Con-Pearl	New	Plastic Boards
2012-09-12	Sempra Energy	New	Natural Gas
2012-07-05	AVX Corporation	Expansion	Electronic Capacitor Chips
2012-06-21	Picanol of America Inc.	Expansion	Weaving Machinery
2012-06-13	Encore Container	New	Shipping containers
2012-06-07	Genetec Technology Automation	Expansion	Precision Metal Stamping, Injection Mold
2012-04-26	aeSolutions (Applied Engineering Solutions, Inc.)	Expansion	Engineering Services
2012-04-24	JTEKT Automotive South Carolina, Inc.	Expansion	Drive Shafts
2012-04-16	Grace Plastics, Inc. (OH)	New	Plastic Recycling

2012-04-03	Ionic Technologies, Inc.	Expansion	Nitriding, PVD Coatings for All Types of Metal Treatment
2012-02-28	Dutchland Plastics, LLC	New	Rotomolding, Blow Molding, Urethane Foams
2012-01-19	Southern Air Repair, Corp.	New	Maintenance repair/aviation
2011-11-16	TD Bank - Greenville	Expansion	Banking Institution
2011-11-14	Bosch Rexroth Corporation	New	Hydraulics
2011-10-31	SCIO Diamond Technology Corporation	New	Industrial Diamonds
2011-10-17	KEMET Electronics Corporation	Expansion	Electronic Capacitor Manufacturing
2011-10-17	Honeywell International	Expansion	Engines
2011-09-28	Carbures LLC (Easy Industrial Solutions)	New	Aerospace service & components
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2011-09-01	NEM USA Corp. - Greenville	Expansion	High pressure steam boilers and contract
2011-08-24	Confluence Watersports	Expansion	Kayaks & personal watercraft
2011-08-17	Griffin Thermal Products, Inc.	Expansion	Heat exchangers - radiators
2011-08-11	Adams Scrap Recycling, LLC	Expansion	Recycling
2011-07-28	emediagroup, inc.	Expansion	Printed Media
2011-07-06	PRETTL Electric Corp	Expansion	Electronic Components
2011-05-25	CertusBank, N.A.	New	Banking
2011-05-16	ADEX Machining Technologies, LLC	Expansion	custom machining
2011-03-29	Pharmaceutical Associates, Inc.	Expansion	Pharmaceuticals
2011-03-10	Automation Engineering Corporation	Expansion	Custom Equipment
2011-01-12	Perceptis, Inc.	New	Customer support