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## **Materials Sciences Corp. to open new Greenville manufacturing facility**

***\$1 million investment by composites  
manufacturer to add 23 jobs***

The role of an apprentice is evolving in South Carolina. Once limited to traditional trades, apprenticeship programs are now open to industries such as advanced manufacturing, information technology and aerospace; the sky really is the limit.

Since 2007, the number of apprenticeships has increased by more than 491 percent, registering more than 4,500 people. This surge is largely due to the strength of our state's nationally renowned workforce development program Apprenticeship Carolina™. This week, South Carolina's workforce training once again received national attention with a feature in the New York Times. The article touted how foreign manufacturers like BMW and Tognum have found success in South Carolina through on-the-job training that is invaluable to sustaining our workforce.

The success of programs like readySC™ and Apprenticeship Carolina™ support our commitment to developing a strong workforce in our state.

Because, while it is true that South Carolina is known for making everything from planes to cars to flour to peaches, the

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Materials Sciences Corporation (MSC), a designer and manufacturer of composite materials and structures for government and industry, will establish a new manufacturing operation in Greenville County, investing \$1 million and creating 23 new jobs.

"South Carolina has established itself as a leader in advanced materials manufacturing and announcements like this one show that our state is ideal for research and engineering-driven investment," said Gov. Nikki Haley. "We celebrate Materials Sciences Corporation selecting Greenville County for their new facility and creating 23 new jobs."

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## **SC Leading Index Reaches Six Year High**

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dedicated, skilled hands and great minds that make up our workforce are truly one of the most valuable resources in our state.

- Secretary Bobby Hitt

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The South Carolina Department of Commerce recently released its November 2013 Economic

Outlook report. The monthly report forecasts positive economic growth for the year ahead. The South Carolina Leading Index (SCLI) marked three consecutive months of improvement and reached a six-year high in October, closing the month at 101.24. An SCLI value above 100 indicates improving economic conditions for the state over the coming three to six months. Strong stock market performance and an increase in the average manufacturing workweek pushed the SCLI higher in the state.

For more information on our state's economy and labor market, [click here](#) to view the November 2013 South Carolina Economic Outlook.

## Devro to invest \$60M in Calhoun plant expansion

*Company plans to transform facility into a high-speed, highly efficient plant*

Devro Inc., a producer of manufactured sausage casings for the food industry, plans to invest \$60 million to transform its 37-year-old facility at Sandy Run, in Calhoun County, into a high-speed, highly efficient plant that will facilitate the company's growth strategy.

The largest investment in Devro Inc.'s history, the expansion will include the construction of a new manufacturing plant at the same site as the existing plant, which is located about 35 miles from Columbia. The new plant will be a fully integrated manufacturing complex.

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