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In the Palmetto State, we often talk about the importance of Team South Carolina and the greater South Carolina family. From the Lowcountry to the Upstate, nobody has a larger impact on the character of our state than the 74,000 service men and women, who are currently employed at one of South Carolina's eight major military installations.

With a long and storied military tradition, South Carolina and its people maintain a proud appreciation for the men and women of our armed forces, not only for what they do to protect our country, but for their extraordinary impact on our local communities. In fact, according to a study [released earlier this year](#) by the South Carolina Military Base Task Force, the state's military installations have an annual economic impact of more than \$19 billion.

More than just an economic driver, however, the service men and women in our state are truly integral members of Team South Carolina. So, on this Veterans Day week, I encourage you to recognize those that are serving and have served our country, making South Carolina and our nation safer and an even better place to live, work and play.

Bobby Hitt, Secretary of Commerce

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Spotlight: S.C. State Farmers Market

From apples to pecans, pumpkins to sweet potatoes, the agribusiness community in South Carolina is once again in the midst of its fall harvest. And, there is no better place to enjoy some of the state's delicious, [Certified S.C. Grown](#) produce than the [South Carolina State Farmers Market](#). Open seven days a week, the Farmers Market is designed to serve the farmers of our state by creating opportunities for success.

In 2010, after more than five decades on Bluff Road, across the street from Williams-Brice Stadium, the Farmers Market moved into its new, state-of-the-art facility, located off of Charleston Highway in West Columbia, S.C. The site, which sits on more than 200 acres of land, is also home to S.C. Department of Agriculture laboratories, a 200-seat conference center and offices. For more on the South Carolina State Farmers Market, visit www.scstatefarmersmarket.com.

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Commerce Capture: JTEKT North America

On Monday, [JTEKT North America](#), a leader in automotive and industrial product solutions, [expanded its Upstate operations](#) establishing its North American headquarters at CU-ICAR, creating 27 new jobs. The company employs more than 7,000 employees across 14 manufacturing facilities plus additional technical and sales centers in North America.

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