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Can you please follow up with him and see if Commerce is interested in this.

Thanks.

From: KnowledgeEconomy [mailto:Info@KnowledgeEconomy.com]
Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2014 3:00 PM
To: Patel, Swati
Subject: Gov. Haley & India PM Modi

Ms. Swati Patel,

I left a voice message for you yesterday and thought it might be helpful to follow-up with this e-mail. I asked if Governor Haley might be meeting with India's Prime Minister Modi on his US visit to New York and Washington DC over the next few days. Recently you may have seen news about India announcing the **Digital India** project to transform India into a digitally empowered society and **knowledge economy**. As a U.S. patent attorney who has recently become a start-up entrepreneur to help build the **knowledge economy** - as in .com, .net, .org, .US, .EU, .IN, and 75+ other variations, I am interested in being a part of a coalition between India and the U.S. (with key elements right here in SC) to build **KnowledgeEconomy.IN** as a piece of the Digital India strategy for reaching 100's of millions who will benefit. If Governor Haley is meeting with Prime Minister Modi, I thought she may be interested to know about this project and how it might similarly help 100's of thousands of South Carolinians.

Also, consider the following:

1. Earlier this year Google's Eric Schmidt said "The **knowledge economy** has arrived," Google is developing their Knowledge Graph and Knowledge Vault features, and in the last several days Google has announced that they are helping with **Digital India**.
2. Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella was quoted yesterday as saying "We're keen to partner with the Indian government …" and he plans to be at the reception tomorrow for PM Modi in New York. As you know CEO Nadella is from India.
3. Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg has repeatedly said over the last year that one of Facebook's 3 long-term goals is "to help build the **knowledge economy**," and India is expected later this year to overtake the United States as the country with the most Facebook users.
4. In November Governor Haley is leading the SC Trade Mission to India and the U.S. and Indian governments are holding a Technology summit in Delhi to create new partnerships between industry, research, academic institutions, and governments.

What better time to be rallying support for a coalition to build **KnowledgeEconomy.IN** (and related apps) into a resource that helps people in India and the U.S.? If Governor Haley meets with PM Modi I hope she will invite the Modi government to partner with our South Carolina and other U.S. resources to support this piece of his Digital India program. Naturally you and the Governor can reach me day or night on my cell 803-261-1721 for clarification or further information. Also, one of the SC resources I envision being involved is IT-oLogy. Lonnie Emard is a good friend and we have agreed to get together and talk more about this before the November Trade Mission.

Best regards,

Calhoun "Reb" Thomas

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