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**Subject:** Workforce Development Task Force  
**Location:** Department of Employment and Workforce, Lem Harper Building, 631 Hampton Street,  
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**When:** 5/13/2015 10:00:00 AM - 10:15:00 AM

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**EVENT:** Workforce Development Task Force

**DATE:** Wednesday, May 13, 2015

**TIME:** 10:00 AM

**LOCATION:** SC Department of Employment and Workforce, C. Lem Harper Building, 631 Hampton Street,  
Columbia, SC

**LOCATION SET-UP:** DEW staff will coordinate room set-up

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**ADVANCE STAFF:** N/A

**PURPOSE:** Governor Haley will address the group to lead transforming the state's workforce system by focusing on regional sector strategies to prepare workers for high-demand, high-wage industries. The Task Force will lead the development of a statewide strategic plan to align the many components of the workforce system.

**PRESS:** No

**PUBLIC:** No

**INVITED BY:** Director Stanton

**INTRODUCED BY:** No introductions

**LENGTH OF SPEAKING:**

5 – 10 Minutes

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

10:00 – 10:10 Governor Haley provides opening remarks

10:10 – Governor Haley Departs

10:10 – 10:20 Executive Director Cheryl Stanton facilitates introductions

10:20 – 11:20 Rick Maher of Maher & Maher will provide an overview of Workforce Development and Sector Strategies, along with the timeline for SC's implementation.

11:20 – 11:35 Task Force Members will develop the state's primary goals

11:35 – 11:50 Cheryl Stanton will speak to the development of a steering committee and summarize the next steps, followed by closing remarks

## **SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS:**

- Thank you all for being here today.
- During the last four years, I have recruited companies from throughout the nation and the world to come to South Carolina.
- Now, I'm focusing on making sure our workforce develops to continuously meet the needs of businesses.
- The business community has made it clear to me that it needs skilled workers. It wants to hire South Carolinians.
- I've asked our workforce development system as a whole to ensure it continues to produce skilled workers with a globally competitive reputation through the SucceedSC initiative.
- I've asked all of you to be here today because I recognize you have the ability to help transform our workforce system through your understanding of workforce development issues.
- I'm inviting you to join the Workforce Task Force where you will help create a statewide strategic plan to address the skill gap that exists in our state.
- Building off of the Council Competitiveness's Clusters, developing workforce strategies that provide a pipeline of skilled talent is essential to SC being able to continuously attract and retain high quality jobs.
- We have a tremendous opportunity here to transform so many South Carolina families' lives for the better.
- I thank you upfront for your commitment to this initiative and I look forward to hearing your recommendations to enhancing our state's workforce.