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Good Morning,

Please see the latest news release from the SC Department of Employment and Workforce: **South Carolina's Employment Situation July 2013**. It is attached and below. It can also be accessed at dew.sc.gov.

**For Immediate Release
August 19, 2013**

South Carolina's Employment Situation July 2013

Unemployment Rate Essentially Unchanged at 8.1 percent

South Carolina's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was essentially unchanged at 8.1 percent for July 2013. Over the year, the rate has dropped by more than a full percentage point.

There were 174,267 unemployed South Carolinians in July and an estimated total labor force of 2,161,966. The number of employed South Carolinians slid to 1,987,699, decreasing by 4,084 since June.

Nationally, the unemployment rate declined to 7.4 percent from June's estimate of 7.6 percent.

South Carolina's seasonally adjusted non-farm payroll employment increased to 1,889,600, reaching this year's highest level and representing an increase of 1,700 jobs over the month.

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Seasonally Adjusted¹)

- South Carolina saw growth in Professional and Business Services (+3,100); Construction (+900); Other Services (+900); and Leisure and Hospitality (+800).
- Additional increases occurred in Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+400) and Information (+200).
- Industries experiencing declines were Manufacturing (-1,100); Financial Activities (-700); Education and Health Services (-600); and Government (-2,100).
- Compared to a year ago, the number of job gains was up by 36,800, with notable advances in Leisure and Hospitality (+11,500); Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+8,400); Construction (+4,600); Financial Activities (+3,900); Professional and Business Services (+3,700); and Government (+3,200).

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (Not Seasonally Adjusted²)

Traditionally, not seasonally adjusted employment decreases during the summer months due to the seasonal layoffs and school closings between terms. As a result, the not-seasonally adjusted, non-farm payroll employment in July decreased by 11,200 over the month, to 1,893,700, including decreases in Government (-14,400) and Education and Health Services (-500).

- Although the overall total employment declined, there were large gains in Professional and Business Services (+2,400) and Leisure and Hospitality (+1,400). Small improvements were also reported in Other Services (+500),

- Construction (+400), and Information (+300).

¹**Seasonally Adjusted:** Seasonal adjustment removes the effects of events that follow a more or less regular pattern each year (i.e. tourist-related hiring and school closings in the summer). These adjustments make it easier to observe the cyclical and other nonseasonal movements in data over time.

²**Not Seasonally Adjusted:** Effects of regular or seasonal patterns have not been removed from these data.

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Thanks,



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