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It's a Great Day for South Carolina's Workforce
By Governor Nikki R. Haley

The 2015 South Carolina Workforce Report is another reason for Team South Carolina to celebrate.

In South Carolina our people are our greatest asset— companies know that if our workforce builds their product, we build it with quality, we build it with loyalty and we build it with pride.

We have created an environment where government works for the people, not the other way around, lowering the tax burden on small business owners and reducing government regulation.

We've seen our unemployment rate drop faster than the national average and we've seen more people working in South Carolina than ever before in the history of the state.

We have a reputation both nationally and internationally as a strong right to work state.

We don't have unions in South Carolina because our citizens don't want unions in South Carolina. Our workers know the power of their voice, and they have made it clear, they don't want a middleman between them and their employer— they understand how businesses grow and how they succeed.

In less than five years, team South Carolina has announced 70,766 new jobs and over \$16 billion in capital investment. And alongside partners like the South Carolina Technical Colleges Systems, ReadySC and Apprenticeship Carolina, we have announced almost 500 economic development projects in 45 out of 46 counties across our state.

South Carolina is on the move, whether we are taking care of the businesses that already call our state home or recruiting some of the world's most respected brands to our state—but we're just getting started.

South Carolina continues to be a leader in bringing industry from overseas and made in America.

We can't take that for granted and it means we need to work twice as hard to continue to provide the training and skill development programs needed to prepare our workforce for the high quality jobs coming to our state.