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Honda marks 2.5 millionth ATV built in South Carolina, commits to plant expansion

**\$27 million investment expected to
create more than 65 new jobs**

South Carolina's economic outlook is strong. From being a global leader in manufacturing to having thriving aerospace, automotive and tire industries, the Palmetto State is steadily gaining a reputation for being the state that takes action, and the world is taking notice.

Even in a challenging economy, the Department of Commerce is seeing more economic development projects on the horizon than anyone can remember. In January 2011, Commerce was handling about two dozen requests for information a month. Now, we are receiving nearly double that number. South Carolina's effort to build better relationships with key manufactures and site consultants is essential to helping drive our momentum.

With companies taking a second look at all our state has to offer, South Carolina is in the game and ready to succeed.

-Secretary Bobby Hitt

Honda of South Carolina Mfg. Inc. (HSC) is celebrating its 2.5 millionth all-terrain vehicle (ATV) production milestone. The company plans to add production of Honda's next generation of side-by-side (multi-utility vehicle) products in mid-2013 at its Florence County plant. The \$27 million investment is expected to generate more than 65 new jobs.

"South Carolina continues its manufacturing renaissance with the help of world-class companies like Honda. This production milestone and expansion announcements are great news not only for Timmonsville, but also for the state as a whole. Foreign-affiliated companies continue to have a huge positive impact on our state's economy," said Secretary of Commerce Bobby Hitt.

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Cyberattack affects 657,000 S.C. businesses

Commerce chief hints at deals on the horizon

Boeing benefits from faster airplane deliveries

Organizations accepting donations for victims of Superstorm Sandy in the Northeast

200 jobs open at First Quality; job fair in Seneca

Aviation expo to return to Greenville in 2013

Servosity expanding operations in Greenville County

Company's growth to create 30 new jobs

Greenville-based Servosity Inc., a developer and provider of data backup and disaster recovery solutions is planning to expand its operations in Greenville County. The company expects to generate 30 new jobs over the next 12 to 18 months.

"It's always exciting to see one of South Carolina's home-grown, existing businesses increase its footprint here. We celebrate Servosity's decision to expand and create 30 new high-paying jobs in Greenville. Announcements like this one are a great indication that the Palmetto State is the right place to do business," said Gov. Nikki Haley.

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Domtar Corporation makes additional investment in Marlboro County

\$30 million capital project for re-purposing Marlboro mill

Domtar Corporation is planning to re-purpose its facility in Bennettsville, S.C., to align with shifting market demands in the paper industry. The company plans to invest \$30 million in the plant over the next year.

"This announcement is a big win for one of our state's rural areas. Domtar's \$30 million investment in Bennettsville not only shows the company's commitment to our state, it also serves as another indication that South Carolina's business climate is encouraging growth among our existing businesses," said Gov. Nikki Haley.

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conference coming to Charleston
in 2013

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The South Carolina Department of
Revenue (DOR) has
announcement that tax information
for as many as 657,000 S.C.

businesses was compromised as part of the recent cyber attack.

The state of South Carolina has arranged through Dun & Bradstreet Credibility Corp and Experian for free credit monitoring services for all S.C. businesses that have filed state taxes since 1998. The free monitoring service will be provided for the life of the business.

- **Starting today, November 1st,** Experian is offering those impacted South Carolina businesses Business Credit AdvantageSM - a self-monitoring service that allows unlimited access to a company's business credit report and score. To sign up for Business Credit AdvantageSM go to <http://www.smartbusinessreports.com/SouthCarolina>.

- **Starting Friday, Nov. 2nd at 8 a.m.,** businesses can register at Dunn & Bradstreet Credibility Corp. www.dandb.com/sc/ or by calling 800.279.9881 to receive the credit monitoring service. After signing up, businesses will be notified of any changes to their accounts.

For the latest information and updates visit www.sctax.org/security.htm.

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