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TIGGES launches new U.S. operations in Greenville County

Global manufacturer connects with CU-ICAR; invests \$1.5 million

It is estimated that for every \$100 dollars spent at a locally-owned business, more than 50 percent stays in the local economy and benefits the community. The return on investment speaks for itself. You don't have to be a money expert to understand that supporting local businesses just makes good sense.

The South Carolina Department of Commerce is working to help our state's businesses buy locally as well, with our BuySC program. BuySC is a purchaser-oriented, material and service locator program designed to help South Carolina companies connect with South Carolina suppliers and vendors. The program allows companies to control costs and delivery times in order to make them more competitive in today's economy.

Ted Coles, the general manager of Integrity Tool, commented on the benefits of the BuySC program saying, "The BuySC program shows that the state cares about the local business environment and is committed to making it prosper." The Commerce BuySC program is a great example of what happens when homegrown companies are home supported.

TIGGES USA LLC,
a subsidiary of
Wuppertal,
Germany-based
TIGGES GmbH, will establish its first North American facility at the Clemson University International Center for Automotive Research (CU-ICAR) in Greenville County. The \$1.5 million investment is expected to generate at least five new jobs.

"It's exciting to see another international company choose to put down roots in South Carolina. We celebrate TIGGES USA's decision to invest \$1.5 million and create new jobs in Greenville. This announcement is another indication that more and more companies from around the globe are seeing South Carolina as the right place to do business," said Gov. Nikki Haley.

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-Secretary Bobby Hitt

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A Bay Area Council Economic Institute Report is recognizing Columbia and the state of South Carolina for its high-tech employment growth over the last five years. According to the report, the state of South Carolina ranks second in

the top 10 states for high-tech employment growth from 2010-2011, and Columbia finishes second, behind Greensboro-High Point, N.C., in the top 25 metros for high-tech employment growth over the same period. Columbia saw 28.2% growth in the high-tech sector.

The report analyzes patterns of high-technology employment and wages in the United States.

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6th annual South Carolina Recycling Legislative Day Wednesday, February 20

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RecyclonomicsSC is hosting its sixth annual S.C. Recycling Legislative Day at the State House on February 20, 2013 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The day will kick off with a press conference announcing a multi-million dollar investment at 9:30 a.m. in the lower lobby of the State House. During the event, industry leaders will be able to engage with legislators about the economic impact of recycling on South Carolina. This event is free to attend. For more information call **803-760-1400**.

In 2012, the recycling industry created more than 770 jobs and invested nearly \$465 million in capital investment into South Carolina's economy.

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