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State Chamber Releases Statement on SC Becoming First Fully Certified Work Ready State in the nation...

"The business community has made clear that having a skilled and highly trained workforce is the most critical piece of the puzzle for them in today's highly competitive business environment... Business leaders around the world looking to locate their operations and grow will consider this another important indication that the Palmetto State is the best place in the world to do business."

Read the full statement [here](#).

SCDOR Announces New Tax Credit Program.... A new change in S.C. law implemented at the end of last session created the [Exceptional SC](#) program.

Exceptional SC helps students with exceptional needs attend credentialed private schools. When you donate to this scholarship fund, **you receive a dollar for dollar tax credit against your South Carolina individual or corporate income tax liability.** This credit will not last- donate at [ExceptionalSC.org](#) before the credit cap is met!

SCDA Introduces New Tool to Assist Farmers with SC Farm Aid

Application...The South Carolina Department of Agriculture (SCDA) has launched a new tool on the SCDA website to help farmers who suffered crop loss due to last year's flooding apply for South Carolina Farm Aid grants. Click [here](#) for more information. Agriculture is a driving force of our SC economy and the Chamber supports all efforts to help farmers get back on their feet.

SCE&G Homework Centers Wrap Up for the Year...

With summer break in full swing SCE&G Homework Centers are already getting ready for next school year. Here are a few messages from students that benefited from the after school program this past year. The State Chamber and state's business community thank SCE&G for its investment and impact on developing our state's future workforce.

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