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SC Tool Inc. expanding operations in Greenville County

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Thirty years ago, no one could have predicted South Carolina would have the global presence that it has today. Our state is a world leader in advanced manufacturing, on track to being the nation's tire capital and home to industry giants like Boeing, BMW, Bridgestone, Continental, Michelin and Google. One of the key things that helped secure our state's place on the world business stage is workforce development. In the areas of math, science, engineering and technology, South Carolina has made and continues to make significant progress.

Recently, an economic report ranked our state number two in high-tech employment growth in the United States. South Carolina also ranks fifth in the nation based on quality, availability of workers and workforce training. All of this is good news for our state, but we shouldn't rest on our laurels.

With the fastest growing career fields in our state being in health sciences, and computer and mathematical jobs projected to grow by more than 20 percent in the next 10 years, our state must stay ahead of the curve. We must continue to train and grow our workforce as if our future depends

SC Tool Inc., which specializes in the manufacturing and reconditioning of precision cutting tools, is expanding its existing operations in Greenville County. The \$1.25 million investment is expected to generate 30 new jobs.

"When a home-grown company decides to expand its presence in South Carolina, it's a good sign we're doing the right things to help our existing businesses succeed. We celebrate SC Tool's decision to invest \$1.25 million and create 30 new jobs in Traveler's Rest. Announcements like this show that South Carolina is the 'it' state for business," said Gov. Nikki Haley.

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Recycling industry investments

up nearly 30 percent

on it—because it does.

-Secretary Bobby Hitt

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Recycling investments are on the rebound. In 2012, according to the S.C. Department of Commerce Recycling Market Development Advisory Council staff, Commerce helped facilitate the recycling

industry recruitment of 770 jobs and \$463 million in capital investment with 19 new or existing companies investing in South Carolina.

Investments are up nearly 30 percent from the previous year with jobs remaining fairly constant. Companies like US Fibers in Edgefield, Grace Plastics Inc. in Greenville, Nucor Corporation in Darlington, Pratt Industries in Spartanburg and LowCountry Biomass LLC in Jasper are just a few examples of companies that announced investments in 2012.

Jeffrey Rader expands operations in Spartanburg County

Duncan office will become sole testing facility

The U.S. office of Jeffrey Rader, a division of TerraSource Global, recently expanded its Spartanburg County operations into Hillside Industrial Park in Duncan. The new office will be used for sales, administration, engineering and product testing.

Jeffrey Rader designs and manufactures material handling systems and equipment to unload, convey, screen and crush many different bulk materials such as wood chips and pellets, biomass, alternative fuels and other recyclables.

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