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South Carolina's economy continues to produce record results. Earlier this week, Commerce's Research Division released its **Economic Outlook report** for March. The monthly report showed that **South Carolina's Leading Index (SCLI)** posted the strongest one month gain in three years and forecasts positive economic growth for our state. Additionally, several economic indicators point to South Carolina being well-positioned for the year ahead.

The report attributes the March surge to the dwindling number of people applying for unemployment insurance as well as the increase in residential building permits. This is good news for our state, good news for our businesses and good news for our citizens.

A recent economist aptly described South Carolina's economy as "**firing on all cylinders.**" For the last three years, we've worked hard to set our state apart from the competition. We've gained great momentum and now our economy is surging ahead.

For more information on our state's economy and labor market, click [here](#) to view the March 2014 South Carolina Economic Outlook.

Upcoming Events

2014 SC Clean Energy Summit

SEUS-CP Conference

Salute to Small Business

Small Business Week Conference

Full Calendar of Business Events

Newsmakers

S.C. leading index surges in March

Bobby Hitt, Secretary of Commerce

Spotlight: Small Business Support

In South Carolina, small business is big business. More than 530,000 South Carolinians are employed by companies with fewer than 50 workers, and small business employers make up more than 95% of all private employers in the Palmetto State. The South Carolina Department of Commerce is committed to supporting the state's growing number of small businesses through programs like **Buy South Carolina** and **SCBizNetwork**, as well as various supplier outreach events.

Home-grown entrepreneurs like Boyd and Nicole Johnson of **Boyd Cycling** have benefited tremendously from Commerce's small business programs. In 2013, the wheel builder obtained a \$100,000 business development loan through ADC and Greer Bank after teaming up with Commerce.

Through a myriad of programs and support initiatives, the Palmetto state continues to prove it is just right for small business.

To read more about Boyd Cycling's success story click [here](#).

*Photo Caption: Courtesy of **Boyd Cycling***

SC's plunging jobless rate helps agency pay down massive debt

Boeing South Carolina workers meet production goals

Rural agriculture businesses expect a boost from directional signs

SC economy all firing on all cylinders

PeopleMatter expands on King Street

Billion-dollar BMW expansion drives commerce in South Carolina

Santee Cooper aims to beef up economic development across South Carolina

Rock Hill lands distribution site for Fortune 500 company

SC friends with Down syndrome start card business

Commerce Capture: JBE Inc.

JBE Inc. has been a part of South Carolina's business community for more than 30 years. The supply chain management company is one of the state's leading suppliers to the automotive, aerospace and lawn and garden industries.

Established in 1982 as a family-owned business in Hartsville, S.C., JBE has more than 90 employees and is among only a handful of minority-owned companies on the East Coast to hold a Foreign Trade Zone designation. The company serves a variety of top industry leaders, including: Boeing, Cummins, Husqvarna, Sonoco, Hengst and GSK.

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