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With Thanksgiving only hours away, I want to take a moment and reflect on the many things that I am grateful for this year.

I have been fortunate my whole life to be surrounded by great people. Those here at Commerce are no exception. I am profoundly grateful for all that "Team South Carolina" has accomplished since I began as Secretary in 2011. My theory is that when you get a lot of smart and talented people together, good things happen; my colleagues prove me right each day.

In less than two years, we have helped bring nearly 30,000 jobs to South Carolina and generated more than \$8 billion in investment. South Carolina is a leader in the nation's manufacturing renaissance, and has garnered global recognition for its business-friendly climate and skilled workforce. Our focus on building and maintaining solid, trustworthy relationships with companies we work with sets our economic development team apart.

While there is much to be grateful

JTEKT Corporation expanding facility in Richland County *\$130 million investment expected to create 175 new jobs*

JTEKT Corporation, an automotive systems and industrial components supplier, is expanding its Koyo brand bearing manufacturing facility in Richland County, South Carolina.

The \$130 million investment is expected to generate 175 new jobs over the next three years.

"South Carolina continues to prove to companies from around the globe that it is the right place to do business. We celebrate JTEKT Corporation's decision to invest \$130 million and create 175 new jobs in the Midlands area. By further strengthening our state's business-friendly climate and developing our workforce talent, we can continue to expect more job-creating announcements like this one," said Gov. Nikki Haley.

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Haddon House Food Products Inc. expanding facility in Chester County *\$3.1 million investment expected to create 100 new jobs*

for this year, there is still more work to be done, and we here at Commerce are committed to building on our success.

-Secretary Bobby Hitt

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Proterra to explore overseas markets

SC jobless rate drops to 4 year low

Measure of future US economic activity up 0.2 pct.

Haddon House Food Products Inc., an exporter, importer and distributor of food products, is planning to increase operations at its

Chester County facility. The \$3.1 million investment is expected to generate 100 new jobs.

"South Carolina has continued to show that it is the right place for companies to do business, especially for those whose business is getting products to customers. Our state continues to see its distribution and logistics sector grow, and this announcement by Haddon House Food Products is another indication of that success," said Secretary of Commerce Bobby Hitt.

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Advanced Inventory Solutions Inc. establishing new operations in Dorchester County

Investment expected to create 35 new jobs

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Advanced Inventory Solutions Inc., a provider of inventory auditing services, is establishing its new operations in Dorchester County. The \$250,000 investment is expected to generate 35 new jobs.

"We work hard every day to show companies the benefits of doing business in South Carolina, and so it's exciting to see announcements like this one. We celebrate Advanced Inventory Solutions' decision to invest and create 35 new jobs in Summerville," said Gov. Nikki Haley.

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Transaxle Manufacturing of America Corporation increasing investment in York County

Company to invest \$7.5 million, add equipment at plant

Downtown attracting some of
America's largest companies

New N.C. governor ups
competition for job development

Carolina Fabrication to expand
operations in Abbeville County

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Transaxle Manufacturing of
America Corporation, a
maker of vehicle transaxles
is planning to increase its

operations in York County. The company plans to invest \$7.5
million over the next five years.

"This announcement provides another boost to South Carolina's
manufacturing renaissance. Transaxle Manufacturing of
America's investment shows that our state's business-friendly
climate and skilled workforce, along with top-notch worker
training programs, are helping companies prosper," said
Secretary of Commerce Bobby Hitt.

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