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**Subject:** Press Conference: SEC Women's Basketball Tournament (confidential)  
**Location:** Bon Secours Wellness Arena, 650 N Academy St, Greenville, S.C.  
**When:** 5/16/2016 11:00:00 AM - 11:45:00 AM

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**EVENT:** Press Conference: SEC Women's Basketball Tournament

**DATE:** Monday, May 16, 2016

**TIME:** 11:00 AM

**LOCATION:** Bon Secours Wellness Arena, 650 N Academy St, Greenville, S.C. (The press conference will take place on the actual floor of the arena.)

**LOCATION SET-UP:** A stage to be set up on the Arena floor with seating for guests also set up on the floor. There will be a media deck in the back.

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**PURPOSE:** Gov. Haley will join other officials in a press conference announcing that the Southeastern Conference has awarded the 2017 SEC Women's Basketball Tournament to Greenville, S.C. The tournament will take place on March 1- 5, 2017.

**PRESS:** Yes.

**PUBLIC:** Yes.

**REQUESTED BY:** Duane Parrish (Duane will not attend because he has a dr. appointment this day.)

**INTRODUCED BY:** Maria Taylor (Emcee)

**LENGTH OF SPEAKING:** 5 minutes of remarks/ Q&A at the end

**ATTENDEES:**

SEC Commissioner Greg Sankey

Mayor Knox White

Dr. Bob Taylor (County Council Representative)

Beth Paul (BSWA)

Chris Stone(VGSC)

Maria Taylor (Emcee)

**SPEAKING ORDER/LINE-BY-LINE:**

11:00 AM Maria Taylor (Emcee) welcomes crowd introduces Commissioner Sankey and Governor Haley

11:05 AM Sankey/ Haley announce Greenville as home of SEC Women's Basketball Tournament in 2017

NH sits back down

Remarks by Greg Sankey

Maria Taylor (Emcee) introduces NH

Remarks by Nikki Haley

Maria Taylor (Emcee) introduces Beth Paul

11:20 AM Remarks by Beth Paul- talking points: building, VGSC and County Council  
Introduces Mayor White

11:25 AM Remarks by Mayor White- support from city on tournament

11:30 AM Emcee thanks everyone for coming

11:30-11:45 AM Q&A from media with Governor Haley, Commissioner Sankey, Beth Paul, Chris Stone

11:45 AM NH Departs

11:30 AM- 1:00 PM Luncheon in Stella Lounge (NH will not attend)

**SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS:**

- It's certainly a great day in South Carolina when we can announce an exciting event like the 2017 SEC Women's Basketball Tournament coming to downtown Greenville and the return of a major SEC event to our state for the first time in over a decade.
- Greenville's selection as the host destination for this event is a *huge win* for South Carolina, resulting from two significant factors:
  - Of course, one of these factors is the NCAA's decision to lift its ban on South Carolina.
  - The reason this is so important to our state is that we love to have people come from all over the world to see all that South Carolina has to offer, and this is another way to bring those people in and see why we have been called the friendliest and the most patriot state in the county.
  - The other factor in this decision is the continued success of Greenville's always-growing tourism industry.
- Think about how much Greenville has changed, has continued to grow, since the last time this event

- was held here back in 2005.
- When you see all of the new hotel properties, new restaurants and shops, and new attractions that have come to fruition over the past 12 years and it's easy to see why the SEC would jump at the chance to come back to Greenville – a destination that offers an unrivaled array of quality visitor experiences for its athletes and fans.
- Landing this event is certainly a testament to our state's appeal as a travel destination and also to the hard work and forward thinking of the people here in Greenville who allow this fantastic city's tourism industry thrive.
- It also serves a significant potential catalyst for further sports tourism growth by generating greater exposure for South Carolina and elevating our reputation as a premier sports event destination.
- I believe landing this event is a major milestone for tourism in South Carolina, the first of many collegiate sporting events that will see the value and benefit of selecting our state as their next host destination...
- ...and also the first of many sporting events that will help us grow our state's \$19 billion tourism industry.
- We are glad to be back in the consideration set for NCAA post season events and glad that our friends at the SEC have selected Greenville as the host destination for their 2017 Women's Basketball tournament.
- Thank you.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION:**

Between January 2011 and March 2016, the unemployment rate in Greenville County has decreased by 3.7 percentage points from 8.4 percent to 4.7 percent. There are now 28673 more people employed in the county and 7256 fewer people unemployed.

Announcements	Total Capital Investment	Total Jobs	
Announced Date	Company Name	Objective	Product or Service
2016-04-21	ChartSpan Medical Technologies, Inc.	Expansion	bioscience software
2016-04-07	Roy Metal Finishing - Piedmont	Expansion	coatings for automoti
2016-03-31	SterAssure	New	disposal systems for n
2016-03-21	Total Quality Logistics (TQL) - Greenville	New	Freight brokerage firm
2016-03-17	Ushers Machine and Tool Co., Inc.	Expansion	combustion compone
2016-03-16	Fitesa Simpsonville, Inc.	Expansion	Non woven fabrics for
2016-03-02	Proper Polymers (Proper Group International)	New	Injection molded com
2016-02-18	Sun City Produce	New	produce
2016-02-11	Bosch Rexroth Corporation	Expansion	Hydraulic motors
2016-02-01	Greenco Beverage Company, Inc.	New	wholesale beer and sc

2015-12-10	SAGE Automotive Interiors	Expansion	automotive body clott
2015-12-03	Earth's Creation USA	New	Vitamins & Herbal Sup
2015-11-12	WYNIT Distribution, LLC	Expansion	Outdoor equipment
2015-11-09	JTEKT Automotive South Carolina, Inc.	Expansion	not provided
2015-10-27	Sutera USA, LLC	New	waste containers
2015-10-26	ScanSource, Inc.	Expansion	Technology products a
2015-10-14	Magna International Inc. - Greenville	New	Exterior parts
2015-09-28	Mitsubishi Polyester Film, Inc.	Expansion	Polyester Film
2015-09-23	Cold Mountain Material Corporation	New	textiles for the autom
2015-09-14	Kirchner Design Inc.	New	software for automata
2015-09-10	Aran Packaging	New	Packaging company
2015-07-21	CH2M Hill	Expansion	engineering services c
2015-07-08	Cott Beverages USA	Expansion	manufactures fruit juic
2015-06-17	Pantex Americas Inc.	New	Nonwovens
2015-06-01	Marleylilly LLC	Expansion	Monogrammed acces
2015-04-16	SYNNEX Corporation - Greenville	Expansion	Distribution of techno
2015-03-31	O'Neal, Inc.	Expansion	engineering, procurer
2014-11-20	SPF North America, Inc.	Expansion	Pet Food
2014-10-01	Solar Atmospheres	New	Heat Treating
2014-09-02	Providence Home Care of SC	Expansion	home health care pro
2014-08-27	ruhlatat America Inc.	New	welding stations
2014-08-20	Mannan Pharmaceuticals LLC	New	HQ & R&D
2014-06-18	O'Donnell Industries (Snoozer Pet Products)	Expansion	Pet Products
2014-06-10	GE - Greenville	New	advanced manufactur
2014-06-03	Kimura, Inc.	Expansion	Automotive supplier
2014-05-20	AAA FenceCrafters (formerly RPA Development)	Expansion	fencing and railing pr
2014-04-02	Precorp Inc.	Expansion	custom precision cutti
2014-03-04	Meyer Tool Inc.	Expansion	Airfoils for Turbines
2014-02-20	Esurance Insurance Services, Inc.	New	Insurance Office
2014-01-16	ChartSpan Medical Technologies, Inc.	New	bioscience software
2014-01-14	Stueken LLC	Expansion	precision metal comp
2013-12-19	Advanced Composite Materials, LLC	Expansion	Advanced Materials u
2013-11-26	Materials Sciences Corporation	New	Textile Weaving
2013-11-15	Sweet Street Desserts, Inc.	New	Dessert Baking
2013-11-07	Fitesa Simpsonville, Inc.	Expansion	NonWovens
2013-11-01	Kimura, Inc.	New	Automotive supplier
2013-10-08	Roding Technology North America, LLC	New	automotive company
2013-09-04	The Crown Group, Inc.	New	Metal Coating and Ele

2013-02-19	in-tech GmbH	New	Vehicle Electronic Syst
2013-02-12	TIGGES GmbH	New	Fasteners and Connec
2013-02-08	SCTool, Inc.	Expansion	Carbide Cutting Tools
2012-11-14	Roy Metal Finishing	Expansion	Corrosion Resistant Co
2012-10-29	Servosity Inc.	Expansion	Software Developer
2012-10-18	Siemens Industry, Inc. - Elgin	New	Electronics for the Enc
2012-10-17	MW Industries, Inc.	Expansion	Specialty Spring and F
2012-10-04	MAPAL Inc.	New	Metal Cutting Tools
2012-10-03	Carolina Technical Plastics Corporation	New	Automotive Parts
2012-09-28	Drive Automotive Industries of America	Expansion	Automotive Metal Sta
2012-09-14	Con-Pearl	New	Plastic Boards
2012-09-12	Sempra Energy	New	Natural Gas
2012-07-05	AVX Corporation	Expansion	Electronic Capacitor C
2012-06-21	Picanol of America Inc.	Expansion	Weaving Machinery
2012-06-13	Encore Container	New	Shipping containers
2012-06-07	Genetec Technology Automation	Expansion	Precision Metal Stamp
2012-04-26	aeSolutions (Applied Engineering Solutions, Inc.)	Expansion	Engineering Services
2012-04-24	JTEKT Automotive South Carolina, Inc.	Expansion	Drive Shafts
2012-04-16	Grace Plastics, Inc. (OH)	New	Plastic Recycling
2012-04-03	Ionic Technologies, Inc.	Expansion	Nitriding, PVD Coating
2012-02-28	Dutchland Plastics, LLC	New	Rotomolding, Blow M
2012-01-19	Southern Air Repair, Corp.	New	Maintenance repair/a
2011-11-16	TD Bank - Greenville	Expansion	Banking Institution
2011-11-14	Bosch Rexroth Corporation	New	Hydraulics
2011-10-31	SCIO Diamond Technology Corporation	New	Industrial Diamonds
2011-10-17	KEMET Electronics Corporation	Expansion	Electronic Capacitor M
2011-10-17	Honeywell International	Expansion	Engines
2011-09-28	Carbures LLC (Easy Industrial Solutions)	New	Aerospace service & c
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2011-09-01	NEM USA Corp. - Greenville	Expansion	High pressure steam t
2011-08-24	Confluence Watersports	Expansion	Kayaks & personal wa
2011-08-17	Griffin Thermal Products, Inc.	Expansion	Heat exchangers - rad
2011-08-11	Adams Scrap Recycling, LLC	Expansion	Recycling
2011-07-28	emediagroup, inc.	Expansion	Printed Media
2011-07-06	PRETTL Electric Corp	Expansion	Electronic Component
2011-05-25	CertusBank, N.A.	New	Banking
2011-05-16	ADEX Machining Technologies, LLC	Expansion	custom machining
2011-03-29	Pharmaceutical Associates, Inc.	Expansion	Pharmaceuticals

2011-03-10	Automation Engineering Corporation	Expansion	Custom Equipment
2011-01-12	Perceptis, Inc.	New	Customer support

## EVENT SCRIPT:

Maria Taylor:

- Good morning! Thank you to everyone for being here today. I am Maria Taylor, and I am thrilled to be in Greenville this morning for this exciting announcement. Greenville is such a dynamic city and there are so many fabulous things happening here.
- I know many of you have heard the buzz about why we are here today.
- I would like to thank Governor Nikki Haley for joining us, as well as SEC Commissioner, Greg Sankey, and invite them to the podium to make this exciting announcement.

*Governor Nikki Haley and Commissioner Greg Sankey make joint announcement.*

*Governor Haley returns to seat after announcement while Greg Sankey makes remarks.*

Maria Taylor:

- Thank you, Commissioner Sankey. I know everyone in this room is excited about Greenville and the Bon Secours Wellness Arena hosting the SEC Women's Basketball Tournament in 2017.
- Now, I would like to ask Governor Nikki Haley to say a few words. Governor...

*Governor Nikki Haley makes remarks.*

Maria Taylor:

- Thank you, Governor Haley. This is truly an exciting time for South Carolina.
- Now, I would like to introduce Beth Paul, General Manager of the Bon Secours Wellness Arena.

*Beth Paul makes remarks. Once finished, Beth introduces Mayor White.*

*Mayor White makes remarks.*

Maria Taylor:

- Thank you, Mayor White.
- Today is truly an exciting day for Greenville, South Carolina and the Bon Secours Wellness Arena.
- As you can tell, this Arena is a first-class facility and will be a great home to the tournament.
- I would like to thank you all for being here today and invite you to join us for lunch in the Stella Lounge. If members of the media have additional questions, please join us in Suite XXX.
- Thank you again for being here and have a wonderful day.