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Under Governor Haley's Leadership:

More than 78,000 jobs have been announced in 45 of 46 counties and over \$19 billion has been invested in our state. (South Carolina Department of Commerce Records, Accessed 7/13/16)

South Carolina's unemployment rate hit a 13-year-low. ("South Carolina Unemployment Drops To Lowest Level In 13 Years," The Associated Press, 5/16/14)

South Carolina has one of the fastest growing economies on the East Coast. (South Carolina Department of Commerce Records, Accessed 7/13/16)

More South Carolinians are working than ever before. (Angelia Davis, "More In State Find Jobs," The Greenville News, 4/19/14)

South Carolina was named the third best state in the country to do business. (Dale Buss, "Top States For Doing Business 2014," Area Development, Q3 2014)

More than 38,000 South Carolinians have transitioned from welfare to work. (South Carolina Department of Social Services Records, Accessed 7/13/16)

Awards & Recognition

Travel + Leisure Magazine named Hilton Head Island the number one island in the continental United States for 2016. (Melanie Lieberman, "The Best Islands in the Continental U.S.," [Travel + Leisure](#))

Travel + Leisure Magazine named Charleston the World's Best City for 2016. (Melanie Lieberman, "The World's Best Cities," [Travel + Leisure](#))

Charleston was named the friendliest city in the United States. (Nancy Trejos, "Charleston, S.C., wins for friendliest U.S. city," [USA Today](#), 8/4/14)

South Carolina was named the most patriotic state in the country. (Amy Clarke Burns, "S.C. tops list as most patriotic state," [The Greenville News](#), 7/2/14)

South Carolina was named the second most popular state in the nation where people are moving. (Warren Wise, "Study: South Carolina No. 2 in nation as moving destination," [The Post and Courier](#), 1/7/15)

NLRB & Boeing

When the NLRB sued Boeing, attempting to block South Carolina jobs, Gov. Haley lead the fight against them and wrote the following commentary published in *The Wall Street Journal*. [Obama's Silence on Boeing is Unacceptable](#)

- "The NLRB wants Boeing to produce the planes only in Washington state, where its workers must belong to the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers." (Nikki Haley, "Op-Ed: Obama's Silence On Boeing Is Unacceptable," The Wall Street Journal, 4/29/11)
- "South Carolina is a right-to-work state, and we're proud that within our borders workers cannot be required to join a labor union as a condition of employment. We don't need unions playing middlemen between our companies and our employees. We don't want them forcefully inserted into our promising business climate. And we will not stand for them intimidating South Carolinians." (Nikki Haley, "Op-Ed: Obama's Silence On Boeing Is Unacceptable," The Wall Street Journal, 4/29/11)

In December 2011, The NLRB dropped their suit against Boeing. (Steven Greenhouse, "Labor Board Drops Case Against Boeing After Union Reaches Accord," [The New York Times](#), 12/9/11)

- "The governor believes this is a great win for Boeing and a great win for South Carolina," said Rob Godfrey, Gov. Nikki Haley's spokesman. He called the dropped complaint "frivolous." (Raju Chebium, "NLRB Withdraws Complaint Against Boeing Plant in North Charleston, SC," The Greenville News, 12/10/16)

Today, Boeing's initial investment of 1,000 jobs, has turned into over 7,500 non-union South Carolina jobs. (South Carolina Department of Commerce Records, Accessed 7/13/16)

Bloomberg: [Boeing's Best Union Buster Is South Carolina's Governor Nikki Haley](#)

Automotive Companies

Since 2011, South Carolina has announced more than \$6 billion in automotive capital investment and 14,000 new jobs in the automotive industry. (South Carolina Department of Commerce Records, Accessed 7/11/16)

In February of 2016 South Carolina was ranked as the top Southeastern state for export growth. (Press Release, South Carolina export sales top \$30 billion in 2015, achieve sixth consecutive record year," [South Carolina Department of Commerce](#), 2/17/16)

In February of 2016, South Carolina was ranked the top exporter of completed passenger motor vehicles in the nation. (Press Release, South Carolina export sales top \$30 billion in 2015, achieve sixth consecutive record year," [South Carolina Department of Commerce](#), 2/17/16)

BMW

BMW's Upstate plant has produced more than 3.5 million vehicles. (South Carolina Department of Commerce Records, Accessed 7/11/16)

In 2015, BMW produced more than 400,000 vehicles in its South Carolina plant. (South Carolina Department of Commerce Records, Accessed 7/11/16)

In March of 2016, BMW exported its 2 millionth X5 through the Port of Charleston. (David Wren, "BMW marks 'awesome milestone' at the Port of Charleston," [The Post and Courier](#), 3/17/16)

Employment at BMW's plant has grown from 500 employees in 1994, to approximately 8,000 today. (South Carolina Department of Commerce Records, Accessed 7/11/16)

BMW's investment in South Carolina has grown to more than \$7 billion to date. (South Carolina Department of Commerce Records, Accessed 7/11/16)

Mercedes-Benz

In March of 2015, Mercedes-Benz Vans announced plans to invest half a billion dollars establishing a manufacturing plant and creating and estimated 1,300 jobs building Sprinter vans in Charleston County. (Press Release, "Mercedes-Benz Vans to invest \$500 million in new manufacturing plant in Charleston County," [South Carolina Department of Commerce](#), 3/6/15)

USA Today: [Mercedes-Benz to build Sprinter van plant in S.C.](#)

Post and Courier: [Daimler expected to add 1,200 jobs at Mercedes van plant in North Charleston](#)

Volvo

In May of 2015, Volvo Car Corporation announced plans to build their first American plant in Berkeley County – creating an estimated 4,000 jobs by 2030 and investing \$500 million dollars. (Press Release, “Volvo Cars selects South Carolina for first American plant,” [South Carolina Department of Commerce](#), 5/11/15)

- The plant will have an initial estimated annual production capacity of around 100,000 cars. (Press Release, “Volvo Cars selects South Carolina for first American plant,” [South Carolina Department of Commerce](#), 5/11/15)
- The first vehicles from the plant are expected to roll off the assembly line in 2018. (Press Release, “Volvo Cars selects South Carolina for first American plant,” [South Carolina Department of Commerce](#), 5/11/15)

The State: [Volvo chooses South Carolina for auto plant](#)

The State: [How South Carolina won Volvo](#)

Tires

In February of 2016, South Carolina was ranked the top exporter of tires in the nation. (Press Release, South Carolina export sales top \$30 billion in 2015, achieve sixth consecutive record year,” [South Carolina Department of Commerce](#), 2/17/16)

South Carolina is home to five international tire companies- Michelin (France), Giti Tire (Singapore), Continental Tire (Germany), Bridgestone (Japan) and Trelleborg Wheel Systems (Sweden). (South Carolina Department of Commerce Records, Accessed 7/11/16)

More than 89,000 tires are produced in South Carolina daily. (South Carolina Department of Commerce Records, Accessed 7/11/16)

Flood Recovery

Following last October’s historic flooding in South Carolina Governor Haley knew that South Carolina could not rely on government alone to get its families back into clean, safe homes quickly.

Gov. Haley announced “Team South Carolina Days” a partnership between state officials, federal officials and non-profits as one stop locations where South Carolinians could find out what resources were available to assist their recovery. (Press Release, “Gov. Nikki Haley to Host Team South Carolina,” [Office of Governor Nikki Haley](#), 10/16/16)

- At “Team South Carolina Days” residents could: (Press Release, “Gov. Nikki Haley to Host Team South Carolina,” [Office of Governor Nikki Haley](#), 10/16/16)
 - Register for financial assistance from FEMA
 - Apply for disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration
 - Learn more about repairing and flood proofing their home from FEMA
 - Apply for unemployment benefits from the S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce
 - Apply for food and financial assistance from the S.C. Department of Social Services
 - Apply for mortgage or rent assistance from the S.C. Housing Authority and REALTORS
 - Get information about mental health and other healthcare services from the S.C. Department of Mental Health and the S.C. Department of Health and Human Services
 - Get help with insurance claims from the S.C. Department of Insurance
 - Receive a free kit to test well water from the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control
 - Receive a free tetanus shot from the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control
 - Register to volunteer in their community with the United Way
 - Get a free clean-up kit from the Red Cross

Gov. Haley teamed up with the Central Carolina Community Foundation to create the One SC Fun: info, [here](#).

- To date One SC has provided \$1,645,000 in grants to non-profits to repair and refurbish homes. (Central Carolina Community Foundation Records, Accessed 6/30/16)

- To date One SC has provided non-profits enough grant money to repair an estimated 1,100 homes. (Central Carolina Community Foundation Records, Accessed 6/30/16)
- To date over \$12.7 million dollars in skilled labor has been donated to One SC. (Central Carolina Community Foundation Records, Accessed 6/30/16)
- The Governor's Original Six Foundation donated \$55,000 to underwrite administration of the fund so that 100% of the dollars raised will go directly to supplies. (Central Carolina Community Foundation Website, yourfoundation.org, Accessed 7/12/16)
- Governor Haley visits Sumter area residents assisted by One SC: [here](#)

Military Retirees

In her fiscal year 2016-2017 budget, Gov. Haley proposed a \$33,758,064 tax cut for retirement income derived from active duty military service to attract more service members to South Carolina. (Governor Nikki Haley: Executive Budget '16-'17, Accessed 7/12/16)

In June 2016, Gov. Haley signed a retirement income deduction for military retirees into law. (State of South Carolina, [H.3147](#), Signed Into Law 6/7/16)

- The bill that allows a taxpayers with military retirement income to deduct \$17,500 of that income from SC taxable income if they are younger than 65. (State of South Carolina, [H.3147](#), Signed Into Law 6/7/16)
- The bill that allows a taxpayers with military retirement income to deduct \$30,000 of that income from SC taxable income if they are 65 or older. (State of South Carolina, [H.3147](#), Signed Into Law 6/7/16)

Work Ready Initiative

In November 2014, along with her Department of Employment and Workforce and Department of Corrections South Carolina announced the "Work Ready Initiative" at Manning Correctional Institution. (Seanna Adcox, South Carolina governor highlights efforts to employ ex-prisoners," [The Associated Press](#), 4/25/16)

- Inmates at Manning were already learning construction trades such as brick masonry and carpentry. The initiative added the teaching of computer, interview and "life" skills — such as proper attire and how to explain their incarceration. Inmates also craft a resume and apply for jobs online. (Seanna Adcox, South Carolina governor highlights efforts to employ ex-prisoners," [The Associated Press](#), 4/25/16)
- To date 450 former inmates have completed the program. (Seanna Adcox, South Carolina governor highlights efforts to employ ex-prisoners," [The Associated Press](#), 4/25/16)

South Carolina Ports

Inland Port

In October 2013, the Inland Port opened to boost commerce in the state's industrial Upstate region while also increasing the maritime agency's market share in the Southeast. (Tyrone Richardson, "Inland port opens Monday in the Upstate," [The Post and Courier](#), 10/13/13)

- Shipping containers at the inland port are transferred between trucks and Norfolk Southern rail cars running to and from Charleston. (Tyrone Richardson, "Inland port opens Monday in the Upstate," [The Post and Courier](#), 10/13/13)
- The inland port operates 24 hours a day, 7 seven days a week and is located within 500 miles of 100 consumers. (Michael Burns, "Inland port moves record volume," [The Greenville News](#), 4/22/16)

In April 2016, The South Carolina Ports Authority announced plans for a second inland port in Dillon, SC. (Rudolph Bell, "Ports Authority plans second inland port in Dillon," [The Greenville News](#), 4/20/16)

Harbor Deepening

In February 2012, Gov. Haley personally implored President Obama to find the money to deepen the Port of Charleston and other Atlantic harbors. (James Rosen, "S.C. Gov. Haley urges Obama to deepen Atlantic Ports," [McClatchy](#), 2/28/12)

In 2012, the state set aside \$300 million, the estimated full state share of the construction costs for deepening Charleston's Harbor. (South Carolina Ports Authority Website, [scspa.com](#), Accessed 7/12/16)

In July 2012, the White House announced they would expedite the expansion and modernization of the Port of Charleston. (Press Release, Statement from Gov. Nikki Haley on White House's Charleston port announcement," Office of Governor Nikki Haley, 7/18/12)

- Gov. Haley: "This is a huge win for Charleston and for all of South Carolina. Back in February, I stressed to the President how important deepening Charleston's Port was and how frustrating the Army Corps' timetable was, and I'm thrilled to see the Administration has sped up our project. We've said all along that Charleston was the class of the ports on the east coast, that we weren't afraid of competition, and that at the end of the day we would have a 50 ft deepwater port that was envied around the world. Today is a huge, huge leap forward for our state." (Press Release, Statement from Gov. Nikki Haley on White House's Charleston port announcement," Office of Governor Nikki Haley, 7/18/12)
- Sen. Graham: "I want to thank Governor Haley for her work in helping push Charleston's case forward and creating a new, national vision for ports. She continually brought this issue up in her meetings with President Obama and Vice President Biden. She helped ensure this critical project was on their radar." (Press Release, Statement from Gov. Nikki Haley on White House's Charleston port announcement," Office of Governor Nikki Haley, 7/18/12)

Important Project Benchmarks: (South Carolina Ports Authority Records, Accessed 7/12/16)

- September 2015: The project received its Chief's Report – just four years after it began, their final substantive approval required for deepening to progress through construction.
- December 2015: The Pre-Construction Engineering and Design (PED) Agreement was signed.
- January 2016: Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works) Jo-Ellen Darcy signed the Record of Decision for the project, which is the official notification to Congress that project requirements have been fulfilled and awaits authorization.
- February 2016: The Post 45 Charleston Harbor Deepening Project was included in the Army Corps' Annual Report to the Congressional authorizing committees.
- Spring 2016: The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee completed Committee mark-up of the 2016 Water Resources and Development Act (WRDA). The Charleston-52 project was recommended for authorization in both the House and Senate versions. Looking forward, the WRDA bill must pass both Chambers and be signed by the President this year.

The construction phase is expected to begin in 2016 and will deliver a channel depth of 52 feet and entrance channel depth of 54 feet, as well as enlarged turning basins. (South Carolina Ports Authority Website, [scspa.com](#), Accessed 7/12/16)

When the deepening project in the Charleston Harbor is complete the Port of Charleston will be the deepest harbor on the East Coast. (South Carolina Ports Authority Website, [scspa.com](#), Accessed 7/12/16)