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Tradewind Energy establishing new solar project in Orangeburg County *Development would bring approximately \$85 million investment*

COLUMBIA, S.C. - **Tradewind Energy**, one of the largest independent renewable energy development companies in the United States, is launching a new solar production facility in Orangeburg County. The project is expected to bring approximately \$85 million in new capital investment.

Founded in 2003, Tradewind Energy develops low-cost wind and solar energy for diverse markets, while maintaining an uncompromising commitment to long-term project quality. To date, Tradewind Energy has completed more than 3,000 megawatts (MW) of wind and solar power projects, while rapidly expanding its development portfolio. The company is actively developing more than six gigawatts (GW) of wind and three GW of solar projects across the United States, totaling more than \$5 billion in capital investment.

Located along Bowman Branch Highway near Bowman, S.C., construction of the new 75-MW development is expected to begin in 2018. For more information on Tradewind Energy, visit www.tradewindenergy.com.

QUOTES

"We are thrilled to partner with Orangeburg County and the South Carolina Department of Commerce on this exciting endeavor. It's gratifying to see the support in the region, and we are excited to bring low-cost solar energy to market and create opportunities for economic development in the county through the development of the Palmetto Plains Solar Project." - Tradewind Energy Development Manager Justin McGeeney

"South Carolina is a place where companies of every kind can succeed and grow. The fact that Tradewind Energy has decided to invest \$85 million and call our great state home is an important signal to the world that South Carolina is open for business." -Gov. Henry McMaster

"This investment by Tradewind Energy will further strengthen South Carolina's growing reputation in the area of renewable and sustainable energy. We welcome their tremendous \$85 million investment in Orangeburg County and look forward to watching Tradewind's continued success." -Secretary of Commerce Bobby Hitt

"We are truly grateful for Tradewind Energy, one of the largest independent renewable energy development companies in the United States, and their decision to locate in Orangeburg County. This project is yet another significant step in making Orangeburg a leader in sustainable, alternative energy." -Orangeburg County Council Chairman Johnnie

Wright Sr.

"Tradewind Energy is another quality partnership for Orangeburg County, and we look forward to welcoming them into our community. Their decision to locate here confirms that Orangeburg has much to offer." -Orangeburg County Councilman, District 3 Harry Wimberly

"Today's announcement is the second solar farm announcement in less than a month in Orangeburg County, and the fourth solar farm announcement in the Central SC region in less than a year. Renewable energy provides positive environmental and economic benefits, and we are excited another reputable solar firm has chosen our region to invest capital." -Central S.C. Alliance Chairman Mike Brennan

FIVE FAST FACTS

- Tradewind Energy is establishing new solar project in Orangeburg County.
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About S.C. Department of Commerce

As South Carolina's leading economic development agency, the Department of Commerce works to recruit new businesses and help existing business grow. Commerce has recruited world-class companies to South Carolina such as BMW, Boeing, Continental, Giti Tire, LPL Financial Holdings, Mercedes-Benz Vans, Toray and Volvo Cars and also supports startups, small and existing business, innovation and rural development initiatives. Commerce partners with the [S.C. Technical College System](#) via [readySC](#) to support workforce training and recruiting, and with the [S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce](#), which provides worker training and employment opportunities within the state. IBM-Plant Location International reports in 2012, 2013 and 2015 ranked South Carolina first in the nation for attracting jobs through foreign investment. The state won the Gold Shovel Award and the Project of Year Award from Area Development magazine in 2012, 2014 and 2015. For more information, visit www.SCcommerce.com.

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