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It's no secret that South Carolina boasts a rich and storied tradition in manufacturing. First, we emerged as a leader in textiles; then, came our robust tire industry; and, now, a diverse advanced manufacturing sector thrives within our borders, producing everything from automobiles to commercial airplanes. To have a prosperous economy, however, one has to do more than just make things. The ability to transport and distribute those things to customers efficiently and effectively is just as important.

In South Carolina, we recognize this, and as a result, have cultivated a globally-connected infrastructure system and dynamic logistics industry. Since 2011, logistics firms have invested nearly \$800 million in the Palmetto State, and, today, approximately 54,000 South Carolinians are employed in this booming sector. To capitalize on this, members of Team South Carolina recently partnered with the South Carolina Council on Competitiveness to create SC Logistics, a collaborative effort to continue strengthening this industry and keep our state moving forward. To learn more about this new initiative, be sure to visit sclogisticsindustry.com.

As we strive to keep the state competitive in today's global economy, the continued development of our logistics industry is critical. After all, our ability to provide access to marketplaces all over the world is the key to ensuring prosperity in South Carolina for many years to come.

Bobby Hitt, Secretary of Commerce

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Spotlight: S.C. Automotive B2B Supplier Matchmaker Event

In order to further support South Carolina's booming automotive sector, the sixth annual [S.C. Automotive Summit](#) will be held in Greenville, S.C. from February 20-22. As part of the three-day conference, S.C. Commerce and the S.C. Automotive Council are partnering to host an automotive B2B supplier matchmaker event.

Taking place on Monday, February 20, the event is an opportunity for automotive-related original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) and tier one suppliers to connect with potential direct and indirect suppliers. Several of the state's most recognizable brands, such as BMW, Bosch, Continental, Mercedes-Benz Vans and Michelin, have already registered to participate. To find out how your company can be a part of the B2B Supplier Matchmaker, [click here](#).

Commerce Capture: MM Technics

On Wednesday, MM Technics, a newly-formed subsidiary of Germany-based Muhr Metalltechnik, GmbH + Co. KG, celebrated the groundbreaking of its new **\$12.6 million metal stamping facility** in Newberry County. Expected to create 65 new jobs, the 40,000-square-foot facility will stamp metal structural parts as a tier one BMW supplier.

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