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COMMERCE COMMUNICATIONS

As we prepare to close out yet another year, it's a great time to take a moment and reflect on all that Team South Carolina has accomplished over the last 12 months. As far as economic development activity is concerned, we built on the momentum generated in previous years, announcing more than 115 projects in 36 counties.

In addition to the diversity in location, we also recruited a diverse group of industries in 2018. Among the year's biggest wins was RoundPoint Mortgage Servicing Corporation's decision to locate its new corporate headquarters in York County, creating 1,100 new jobs. Illustrating the fact that South Carolina is becoming an increasingly popular destination for headquarters facilities and other office projects, announcements from companies like RoundPoint prove that the Palmetto State is more than just a manufacturing powerhouse.

Speaking of manufacturing, several of South Carolina's top manufacturers saw new facilities come to fruition this year. In June, Volvo Cars opened its Berkeley County facility, unveiling the first-ever, South Carolina-made S60. And, in September, Mercedes-Benz Vans officially opened its \$500 million Sprinter van manufacturing plant in Charleston County.

In retrospect, it's clear that 2018 was another big year for the economic development team across South Carolina. We worked together to bring jobs and opportunities to the people of this state, and I'm excited to see the impact that our efforts will continue to have in the years

to come.

Bobby Hitt,
Secretary of Commerce

Just Announced

Bicycle Corporation
of America

is expanding operations in Clarendon County. The company is investing \$5 million to create 65 new jobs.

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KV
Final

is launching Spartanburg County operations. The \$2.5 million investment is creating approximately 50 jobs.

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Healthcare
US Co, Ltd.

is establishing operations in Fairfield County. The company is investing \$45 million to create 250 jobs.

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Owens Corning

is establishing operations in Richland County. The company is investing \$13.6 million to create 16 new jobs.

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W International

is locating new operations in Berkeley County. The company is investing \$35.2 million to create more than 600 new jobs.

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Upcoming Events

January 25, 2019

In partnership with the Office of U.S. Senator Tim Scott and the Council of Development Finance Agencies, the state of South Carolina is hosting a Governor's Opportunity Zones Summit .

[Register](#)

January 30, 2019

To help ensure that industry is prepared for emergencies, the S.C. Emergency Management Division is hosting Over Florence: A Crisis Resiliency Workshop for Coastal Businesses .

[Register](#)

February 19, 2019

The 5th Annual S.C. Automotive B2B Supplier Matchmaker event is an opportunity for in-state automotive suppliers to connect with original equipment manufacturers.

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