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## CRBR: STUDY FINDS S.C. PORTS AUTHORITY PUMPS \$13.6B INTO MIDLANDS ECONOMY

### By Chuck Crumbo, Columbia Regional Business Report

The [S.C. Ports Authority](#) drives \$13.6 billion worth of annual economic activity in the Midlands, according to a [new study](#) released today at the agency's monthly board meeting at the Michelin plant in Lexington.

The study by the University of South Carolina's [Darla Moore School of Business](#) also found business; the state's ports account for nearly 48,000 jobs in the region and \$2.6 billion in annual labor income.

Additionally, the manufacturing economy, which represents the primary user base of Port facilities, represents 8.2% the economy in the Midlands regions, said Joey Von Nessen, research economist at USC.

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## U.S. SENATE APPROVES SHORT-TERM HIGHWAY FUNDING PATCH

Several major national news sources and trade publications report that on Thursday, the Senate approved a short-term highway funding bill. The House passed the measure earlier this week. Congress passed the short-term funding patch to give lawmakers additional time to complete work on a long-term highway bill. The measure extends federal highway spending until December 4.

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Wednesday, December 9, 2015 in Columbia, SC

Pop quiz! Where are the highest injury/incident rates in many manufacturing facilities? Hint: it's NOT on the line, but in the maintenance department. Guess where OSHA concentrates their inspection efforts? Join us and learn the most often cited areas of concern. [Learn More](#)

## PIT/Forklift Training

Thursday, December 10, 2015 in Columbia, SC

Is that worker operating a pallet jack properly trained to do so? At the SC Chamber's PIT/Forklift Training you'll get a one-day "train the trainer" workshop detailing general safety, operation and training for operating a PIT (Powered Industrial Truck) such as a pallet jack or forklift. If you are an operator, need a refresher course, wish to train other operators, join us.

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# ICYMI: FOUR OUTSTANDING SOUTH CAROLINIANS RECEIVE CHAMBER AWARDS

## Governor Nikki Haley Awarded Chamber Public Servant of the Year

Governor Haley led our state with compassion and strength, and the Chamber is honored to present the Governor with the 2015 Public Servant of the Year Award. Upon accepting the award, the Governor said, "this year, we got to show the world who South Carolina really is." [Watch her video here.](#)

## Annual Leadership Awards

The South Carolina Chamber each year picks the business leaders and public servants in the state who have demonstrated leadership and a commitment to moving South Carolina forward. The Chamber also dedicates the Sgt. William Jasper Freedom Award to a distinguished veteran. Watch Murray Price's [unique story](#) about his service during WWII.

[Murray Price](#), 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. U.S. Army Air Corp, WWII, 2015 Sgt. William Jasper Freedom Award

[Nikki Haley](#), Governor of South Carolina, 2015 Public Servant of the Year

[Lonnie Carter](#), Santee Cooper, 2015 Business Leader of the Year

[Kevin Marsh](#), SCANA, 2015 Business Leader of the Year

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## ANNOUNCING BUSINESS SPEAKS TOWN HALL FOR JANUARY 2016

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In a few weeks, the General Assembly will return to Columbia and the business community and key legislators will discuss its priorities with them at the popular [Business Speaks at the State House](#), presented by [Zeus Industrial Products, Inc.](#), January 26 at 4 p.m. at the Columbia Marriott. The town hall style meeting will begin at 4 p.m. and conclude with a cocktail

hour from 5:30-7 p.m. An infrastructure and workforce briefing will be followed by remarks from the House and Senate leadership and an interactive panel to discuss the issues most important to you. More than 300 business leaders from around the state will convene to discuss the Chamber's soon-to-be-unveiled *2016 Competitiveness Agenda* featuring our legislative priorities for the coming legislative session. Mark your calendar!

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