

2015 REGIONAL ECONOMIC SCORECARD

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TRANSPORTATION

Transform the region's infrastructure into a world-class multimodal system

State:

- Urge State Legislators to pass a bill dedicating long-term sustainable funding to address the state's infrastructure needs.

Local:

- Complete I-526.
- Support the Berkeley Charleston Dorchester Council of Government's Alt26 recommendations.

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EDUCATION AND TALENT

Invest in education at all levels to transform outcomes and grow an aligned workforce pipeline. Implement aggressive and sustained talent attraction/retention strategies.

State:

- Encourage collaboration among the state's colleges and universities to fill the local higher education gaps.
- Secure final \$16 million in state funding to build the Aeronautical Training Center at Trident Technical College.

Local:

- Implement a regional Career Awareness Campaign to showcase high demand occupations to build the needed talent pipeline to support future growth.
- Engage business with local college career offices to work to retain local college graduates in the region.
- Support the Tri-County Cradle-to-Career Initiative linking high school and college readiness.
- Support the development and expansion of Career Academies in all area public high schools.
- Increase both the number and enrollment in High School Youth Apprenticeships
- Increase the pipeline of computer tech skills in the region through building career awareness.

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INNOVATION

Develop and build the systems necessary to promote and support innovation

State:

- Encourage collaboration among the state's colleges and universities to fill the local higher education gaps.

Local:

- Build regional seed/early stage funding sources.
- Manage Growth
- Encourage higher density development where appropriate, to help manage growth, decrease traffic and provide more affordable housing options.
- Adopt a regional action strategy to address the region's housing affordability issue.