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AHOLD INFORMATION SERVICES TO EXPAND IN MAULDIN

(GREENVILLE COUNTY, SC) The Greenville Area Development Corporation announced today that Ahold Information Services will invest an additional \$50 million in new software and equipment at its headquarters facility in Mauldin over the next 5 years.

Ahold Information Services (AIS) is the Information Solution provider to Ahold USA's family of companies. These companies include Mauldin-based BI-LO as well as Stop & Shop (Boston, MA), Giant Food Stores (Landover, MD), Tops Supermarkets (Buffalo, NY), Bruno's (Birmingham, AL), and Giant Stores (Carlisle, PA). Founded in 1995, AIS provides a full menu of IT services and has grown to become a leading employer of IT professionals across multiple technologies and disciplines. The Mauldin facility currently employs 750 full-time employees and boasts one of the largest data centers in the United States.

"We are extremely pleased with the business climate in the Upstate. This area continues to grow and we believe this additional investment in our business will further our own growth potential," said Pat Roberts, Chief Information Systems and Technology Officer for Ahold Information Services.

"This is a significant capital investment announcement in one of those core knowledge-based segments of our state's economy," said Gov. Sanford. "It's also an announcement that'll likely to create additional jobs down the road. That's why it's so critical moving forward that we're not only looking at reforms like income tax relief that improve our underlying business climate, but also at linking knowledge-based companies like Ahold into a cohesive economic development strategy for our state."

"We are very appreciative of Ahold's renewed commitment to Mauldin and the Greenville area," said Phyllis Henderson, Chairwoman of County Council, "much of our community's strength in information technology and technology jobs can be attributed to AIS. We will keep growing this area of our economy in the days ahead."

"Ahold Information Services is a cornerstone of our community," said L. S. Green, Mayor for the City of Mauldin, "we are grateful for its many contributions to Mauldin, foremost its quality jobs. Certainly, Ahold's continued growth speaks volumes about Mauldin's superior quality of life."

"Quality job creation and providing a positive business environment are mission one for the Mauldin Chamber. Ahold Information Services is a strong community partner that continues to take a leadership role in Mauldin," says Pat Pomeroy, Executive Director of the Mauldin Chamber of Commerce

For more information on Ahold Information Services, please visit www.aholdusa.com.

The Greenville Area Development Corporation is a non-profit organization established by Greenville County Council to promote and enhance the economic growth and development of Greenville County.