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## > PRECISION EXPANDS

Precision -- a global manufacturer of aerosol valves and accessories -- will significantly expand production facilities in Travelers Rest, adding 190 new jobs over 5 years in a \$50 million investment. The expansions will extend the capabilities and capacity of Precision -- the single largest source of injection molded aerosol components in the world -- as well as their R&D center for new products and technology.

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## > SPOTLIGHT ON THE GOLDEN STRIP

The good news keeps coming for Greenville County's Golden Strip, a byproduct of hard work, smart planning, effective collaboration, and tremendous quality of life.

Situated in southern Greenville County, the Golden Strip is one of the fastest growing areas in the entire Southeast. Convenient to downtown Greenville and with easy interstate access to Charlotte, Columbia and Atlanta, the three main Golden



Strip communities -- Fountain Inn, Mauldin and Simpsonville -- have all witnessed tremendous growth in recent months.

"We continue to experience heightened interest and inquiries from commercial and residential developers,

along the Harrison Bridge Road corridor to the West Georgia Road area," notes Mayor Dennis Waldrop, recently elected to his fifth term in office. "We're also completing the streetscaping of the Main Street/city center corridor, narrowing traffic lanes from 4 to 3 with a dual turning lane, adding new sidewalks, underground utilities, improved lighting, and benches to nurture the small town feel that is uniquely Simpsonville."

Mauldin also is working hard to enhance its Main Street corridor, recently awarding design commitments to create a "boulevard" feel for the Highway 276/Main Street area.

"We're setting standards very high, emphasizing livability," states Mauldin Mayor Don Godbey, who assumed his position in January 2008. "Our comprehensive plan is a working document, very dynamic. We're heavy into recycling, have been named a Tree City USA and Bird Sanctuary, and purchased and converted an elementary school as part of our cultural and civic center plans. And we're preparing for even more positive growth from the CU-ICAR and Bon Secours St. Francis initiatives."

Fountain Inn Mayor Gary Long points to the city's Commerce Park & Historical Center, situated in central Fountain Inn on Depot Street, as indicative of the progress there. Designed to maintain its train depot look and heritage, the facility will include a museum, visitor center, chamber of commerce offices and open air farmers market. "We're looking to create a destination place, a gathering spot for the community," Long notes. "We consider this the best small town in South Carolina, and we're trying to emphasize more of that feel in downtown's central district."

Heritage Park in Simpsonville has become a signature destination for the community and for the Upstate as a whole, adds Waldrop. "It's brought a new sense of pride

to this community, and people are continuously amazed when they see it. From Freedom Weekend Aloft, to the Little League World Series, to the amphitheater assuming its place as a major entertainment venue for concerts, events and outdoor movies, Heritage Park is really helping put us on the map."



Mayor  
Don Godbey

Simpsonville's next focus is to continue to expand its balance of retail and restaurants, focusing on "higher level retailers" to serve the growing community -- yet always with a focus on family and youth. "Growth can be good," says Waldrop. "But smart, well-planned growth is better. That's what we're focused on."

Mauldin's Godbey points to the city's inviting and accommodating business climate as instrumental to its success. Rich with professional diversity and opportunity, and featuring incentives for business owners, a highly skilled workforce and readily available infrastructure, international and national companies have located headquarters and regional offices in the area.

"We've passed a business license cap to help attract further international investment in the community, and we have quality commercial space like Brookfield Corporate Center to offer. Our finances are strong, our business mix is healthy, retail and residential growth is steady and diverse. And we're finding ways to cut across political lines and work together for the Upstate -- and collaboration is key to success."

Fountain Inn's Long points to the city's long-standing position as a major industrial center of Greenville County. "We're certainly an industrial player in Greenville County, and we want to be that and more. With outstanding rail and interstate access, abundant labor, and plenty of room to grow, we're very attractive to industry," says Long.

"But the Commerce Park & Historical Center, our festivals, and the Fountain Inn Center for the Performing Arts, with its 500 seat auditorium and newly upgraded theatrical lighting, sound and acoustics are all indicative of a community on the move. We have hotels exploring the Highway 418/385 corridor, businesses are doing well. Fountain Inn is a great place to be and call home."

The same could be said for all of the Golden Strip.



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