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FORD MOTOR CREDIT TO EXPAND ITS MAULDIN OPERATIONS

(GREENVILLE COUNTY, SC) The Greenville Area Development Corporation announced today that **Ford Motor Credit Company** will expand its operations in Mauldin. Currently located in the Brookfield Office Park and employing over 350 employees, **Ford Motor Credit** will occupy nearly 28,000 additional square feet adjoining its current office to accommodate more than 200 additional employees.

Besides the loan servicing that is currently handled at the Mauldin center, **Ford Motor Credit's** expansion will focus on new business operations that will manage originations, dealer credit and wholesale operations. **Ford Motor Credit** is one of the world's largest automotive finance companies and has supported the sale of Ford products since 1959.

Agencies instrumental in supporting **Ford Motor Credit's** expansion include the Center for Accelerated Technology Training (SC's Technical Workforce Development Agency), Greenville Technical College, Greenville County's Workforce Investment Board and the SC Department of Commerce.

"We appreciate the support we received in the Greenville area as we considered this expansion," said John Strang, infrastructure manager, **Ford Motor Credit**. "We look forward to welcoming more employees to our Greenville business center and to continuing the productive relationships we have enjoyed in Greenville County."

"Today's announcement is another significant step forward in our efforts to create jobs and raise income levels for South Carolinians," said Gov. Mark Sanford. "With 125,000 more people working in this state than there were in 2003, we remain committed to continue growing our economy through bettering the soil conditions for business creation in our state."

"**Ford Motor Credit's** decision to increase its South Carolina presence with this expansion is another positive example of how Commerce is working with the private sector, local economic developers and elected officials to recruit high paying jobs for South Carolina," said Secretary of Commerce Joe Taylor.

"200 new great paying jobs are welcome news," said Butch Kirven, Greenville County Council Chairman. "We appreciate **Ford Motor Credit's** commitment to the Greenville area."

"**Ford Motor Credit** has been a wonderful employer and great corporate citizen for Mauldin," said R. C. Jones, Mayor of the City of Mauldin. "We are very excited by their continued growth."

"**Ford Motor Credit** has found local employees to be very dedicated," said Ray Lattimore, GADC Chairman. "I am sure that is why they are growing here."

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.