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VENTUS CAPITAL TO LOCATE IN GREENVILLE

(GREENVILLE COUNTY, SC) The Greenville Area Development Corporation announced today that **Ventus Capital Services, Inc.** will establish a new financial services operation in Greenville. Located in the Dillon Building at Park East along I-385, the company will invest about \$2,000,000, occupy some 21,000 square feet, and create approximately 200 new jobs.

Ventus Capital Services is a performance-driven receivables management firm built on more than eleven years of serving blue-chip financial services companies. **Ventus Capital Services** works very closely with financial firms across the United States.

The owners of **Ventus Capital Services** decided to start the new company after seeing an opportunity to fill a unique niche in the marketplace. They chose the Greenville area to establish operations due to proximity to customers, easy access to major interstate travel, good work force, and that the area can substantiate future growth needs for the company.

“We’re looking forward to beginning operations and becoming actively involved in the community. I know with our technological abilities combined with a great work force, we can be a positive impact in the financial services field,” said Scott Berlinger, Chief Information Officer for **Ventus Capital Services, Inc.**

“It’s pretty clear that we’re starting to see a lot more success as a state in competing for companies in the financial services industry,” said Governor Mark Sanford. “We’ve got some real competitive advantages to offer on the quality of life and workforce front, and what’s critical now is that we’re expanding on those competitive advantages by improving our underlying business climate. For us, that starts with lowering our income tax rate so that local economic development folks have some additional arrows in their quivers.”

“This announcement reflects the fact that financial services is booming in the South,” said SC Commerce Secretary Bob Faith. “The talents of South Carolina’s workers are transferable across all industries, including the financial world. Combine that with our excellent business climate, livable communities, low cost of living, and great universities and South Carolina is poised to gain ground in the financial sector.”

Butch Kirven, Greenville County Council Chairman, said “The creation of 200 office jobs by **Ventus Capital Services** brings joy to our fine citizens. It is exciting to see a large announcement take place in Greenville.”

Ventus Capital is a great example of the GADC’s efforts to ensure Greenville’s health through diversification of its economy,” said Brent Clinkscale, Chairman of the GADC. “The GADC and Greenville County are pleased to welcome them to our financial base.”

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.