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### **Automation Engineering Corporation Announces Expansion in Greenville County** *Investment Expected to Create 78 New Jobs Over Five Years*

GREENVILLE COUNTY, SC – March 10, 2011 – South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, the South Carolina Department of Commerce and the Greenville Area Development Corporation today announced that Automation Engineering Corporation will expand its existing operations in Greenville County. The \$6.1 million investment is expected to generate 78 new jobs over the next five years.



“We are pleased to move forward with our plans to grow in Greenville. This expansion will allow us to grow our market share while continuing to offer top-notch service to our existing customers. Greenville has provided an excellent home for our business over the years, and we appreciate all the support we have received from state and local officials,” said Gary Foster, general manager and president of Automation Engineering Corporation.

Automation Engineering Corporation will expand the company’s facility located 110 Smith Road in Greenville. The expansion will include research, development, design and manufacture of capital equipment to produce tubular products for the oil industry, a new market for the company. The company already serves companies globally in the automotive, healthcare, pharmaceutical, food and beverage, and metals markets, as well as other segments of the broader energy industry.

The company’s current facility is 60,000 square feet, and the company expects to add space to the building over the next five years.

“Automation Engineering Corporation's \$6 million investment, expansion and additional jobs are great news, and we're going to celebrate because, when businesses we already

have can expand, it means we're doing everything right for business development in our great state," said Gov. Haley.

"Automation Engineering Corporation has been a member of South Carolina's business community for nearly three decades. This announcement offers another indication that South Carolina's business-friendly climate continues to help foster growth among our existing companies," said Bobby Hitt, Secretary of Commerce.

"We're pleased that Automation Engineering recognizes the many advantages that Greenville County offers their company for continued growth and success," said Jo Hackl, chairwoman of the Greenville Area Development Corporation Board. "Their decision to expand operations and to add dozens of quality-paying jobs here is an important affirmation of this area's focus on developing our advanced manufacturing and engineering clusters. As an innovation-driven organization with blue-chip clients and global opportunities in numerous industries, Automation Engineering is a prized member of the Upstate business community."

The company will begin hiring for the positions in May. Those interested in job opportunities with AEC should visit [www.TeamAEC.com/employment-opportunities.html](http://www.TeamAEC.com/employment-opportunities.html).

Founded in 1981, Automation Engineering Corporation designs, builds and integrates custom equipment and factory automation solutions based on a customer's needs. For more information about the company, please visit [www.teamaec.com](http://www.teamaec.com).

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*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. For information, visit them at [www.GoGADC.com](http://www.GoGADC.com) or call (864) 235-2008.*