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In this week's Economic Development Digest:

## Georgia

- [Savannah port project moves big step forward](#), *Ledger-Enquirer* (February 22, 2015)  
*The Georgia House of Representatives unanimously passed the Georgia Ports Authority bill (connected with the Savannah Harbor deepening).*
- [Georgia tax overhaul bill would cut income taxes but raise sales taxes](#), *TaxAnalysts.com* (February 25, 2015)\*\*  
*A Georgia lawmaker introduced legislation February 23 that would overhaul the state's tax regime by reducing the income tax burden on Georgia families by \$2.5 billion while increasing and expanding sales taxes.*
- [State moves aimed at car plant win?](#), *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* (February 20, 2015)  
*Georgia economic development officials are angling for their biggest jobs recruitment deal in nearly a decade, and Gov. Nathan Deal is flexing his political muscle to help land the prospect.*

## North Carolina

- [Report: NC incentives, due to expire this year, encourage large investment in renewable energy](#), *Triangle Business Journal* (February 24, 2015)  
*\$80 million in state incentives led to investments totaling \$900.7 million in clean energy and energy efficiency in 2014.*
- [NC senators look to modify McCrory's jobs incentive plan](#), *The News & Observer* (February 26, 2015)  
*Republican state senators voiced concerns this week about a jobs incentive program that Gov. Pat McCrory wants to see significantly expanded within weeks.*
- [A quick primer on the looming debate on incentives](#), *The Mountaineer* (February 17, 2015)  
*The incentives debate is well under way in the North Carolina General Assembly.*

## South Carolina

- [South Carolina DOR releases guidance on construction material sales and use tax exemption](#), *TaxAnalysts.com* (February 18, 2015)\*\*  
*The South Carolina Department of Revenue has issued an advisory opinion addressing questions on the sales and use tax exemption for materials used in the construction of manufacturing or distribution facilities for companies that meet investment and notification requirements.*

## Texas

- [Super Bowl, Final Four...What's next for Texas?](#), *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* (February 21, 2015)  
*The Texas legislature considers adding NASCAR races, presidential debates and other large events to a list of key initiatives eligible to receive tax incentives from the State of Texas.*

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