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In this week's Economic Development Digest:

## California

- [Bringing California's voice to the global conversation](#), *Los Angeles Times* (November 5, 2015)  
*California participates in the UN convention on Climate Change.*
- [Edison will spend \\$12 billion on electric system over the next three years](#), *Los Angeles Times* (November 4, 2015)  
*California's second largest investor owned utility plans to spend \$12 billion over the next three years to modernize the electric grid.*

## Florida

- [Florida Governor announces \\$1 billion tax cut package](#), *TaxAnalysts.com* (November 5, 2015)\*\*  
*Florida Gov. Rick Scott (R) has released details of his \$1 billion tax cut package aimed at growing the state's manufacturing industry and small businesses to expand Florida's economy and prevent it from experiencing another economic downturn; the package includes permanently eliminating income tax on manufacturing and retail businesses.*

## Georgia

- [Georgia Department of Education adds economic development liaison](#), *Atlanta Business Chronicle* (October 21, 2015)  
*Richard Goble is the new economic development liaison and will work with business executives and promote career education in the schools.*
- [Georgia DOR amends rule on definition of business enterprise](#), *TaxAnalysts.com* (November 4, 2015)\*\*  
*The Georgia Department of Revenue has adopted clarifying amendments to a rule on the definition of business enterprise.*

## South Carolina

- [Mauldin mulls creating Community Development Department](#), *Greenville Online* (October 28, 2015)  
*Mauldin, South Carolina forms a new department which will focus on economic development.*

## Texas

- [Texas comptroller explains shared employment responsibilities for qualified data centers](#), *TaxAnalysts.com* (October 27, 2015)\*\*  
*The Texas comptroller of public accounts, in a private letter ruling, explained that it did not have sufficient information to determine whether a data center's third-party employees may be counted towards the 20-person job requirement necessary for the sales tax exemption for qualified data centers.*
- [Tax break, road funding on way as seven Texas constitutional amendments pass easily](#), *The Dallas Morning News* (November 3, 2015)  
*Texas residents approved seven state constitutional amendments, giving themselves a small property tax*

*break and giving road funding an enormous boost.*

- [Texas comptroller rules data center expansion space does not qualify for sales tax exemption, TaxAnalysts.com \(October 16, 2015\)\\*\\*](#)

*The Texas comptroller of public accounts, in a private letter ruling, ruled that the expansion space of an existing qualified data center did not qualify for the sales tax exemption for tangible personal property and electricity used by data centers because the space is not within the single building that was certified as a qualifying data center.*

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