

Economic Development DIGEST



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In this week's Economic Development Digest:

Delaware

- [Kent economic profile highlights county's progress: A look at the challenges and goals for business, industry and government](#), *Delaware Newszap* (January 14, 2015)
Kent County, Delaware publishes its plan to promote the future economic viability of Kent County.

Georgia

- [AJC poll: Georgians back transit, but say no tax hike to pay for it](#), *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* (January 10, 2015)**
What's in store for the Georgia legislature in 2015; economic development tops the priority list once again.
- [Deal urges action on schools, transportation in state speech](#), *Athens Banner-Herald* (January 14, 2015)
In Governor Deal's State of the State address, economic development was a key focus.

Maryland

- [Washington County lawmakers discuss their plans for the 2015 session](#), *Herald-Mail Media* (January 10, 2015)
Infrastructure improvements and economic development top Maryland's legislative agenda for 2015.

New Jersey

- [Can tax breaks for big corporations turn around one of America's most dangerous cities?](#), *The Washington Post* (December 15, 2014)
Does recruiting a critical mass of large corporations to a depressed area generate enough investment to turn it around?

North Carolina

- [Meet Chris Chung: New CEO of North Carolina's Economic Development Partnership](#), *Triangle Business Journal* (January 22, 2015)
Christopher Chug is introduced as the new Chief Executive of the Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina.

South Carolina

- [South Carolina publishes draft of guidance on construction materials exemption](#), *TaxAnalysts.com* (January 14, 2015)**
South Carolina is taking public comments through January 29 on a draft revenue ruling that clarifies the requirements for sales tax exemptions on major manufacturing facility construction projects, according to

a Department of Revenue announcement.

- [Gov. Haley to lambaste efforts to unionize Boeing in her 5th annual State of the State address](#), *The Associated Press* (January 21, 2015)
Governor Nikki Haley's State of the State address this week highlights a continued anti-union position.
- [Charleston students to play a key role in cybersecurity workforce initiative](#), *The Post and Courier* (January 22, 2015)
Cybersecurity programs offered at Charleston County schools are poised to receive resources through a new, federally funded cybersecurity consortium.

Virginia

- [McAuliffe begins second year as Virginia governor with revamped priorities](#), *The Washington Post* (January 10, 2015)
Economic development in Virginia takes center stage as the Governor touts his significant successes in landing projects during his first year.
- [Virginia Tax Commissioner issues guidelines on income tax credit for R&D](#), *TaxAnalysts.com* (January 7, 2015)**
The Virginia tax commissioner has issued guidelines on the Research and Development Expenses Tax Credit, explaining 2011 and 2014 legislation changes to the credit; announcing a \$6 million credit cap for all credits in tax year 2014 and thereafter; and addressing credit requirements, recordkeeping, and computation.
- ["To sum it up, we must build a new Virginia economy"](#), *Richmond Times-Dispatch* (January 14, 2015)
Virginia's "State of the Commonwealth" address focuses on building "a new Virginia economy."

West Virginia

- [Republicans to promote pro-jobs agenda in WV legislature](#), *Charleston Daily Mail* (January 12, 2015)
Republicans are poised to take over the West Virginia Legislature, and the goal is clear - create more jobs.

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