

Movie studio opening in Charleston

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COLUMBIA — Officials hope a new 100,000-square-foot studio will attract more makers of movies, television shows and music videos to South Carolina.

Legislators are set to join industry professionals today for the official opening of Studio Charleston, which has three sound stages and 40-foot ceilings.

Founder Harald Galinski worked on the movie "Dear John," filmed in Charleston County in 2008.

Spokesman Doug Coupe says deals in the works at Studio Charleston include a science-fiction movie. He says other prospects rest on legislators renewing film industry incentives set to expire June 30.

Coupe says the company invested \$4 million in the studio.

The Lifetime series "Army Wives" has been filmed in Charleston since 2006.