

ScanSource expansion will add more than 100 jobs

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ScanSource will add more than 100 jobs over five years in a \$6 million expansion of its Greenville County headquarters, the company announced Monday with Secretary of Commerce Bobby Hitt and Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster.

The new jobs will be "highly-skilled career positions" at the technology distributor's headquarters off Pelham Road, and the expansion will convert 30,000 square feet of warehouse space into office space to accommodate sales and support staff. The project is expected to be completed in the next five years.

ScanSource is a technology distributor specializing in point-of-service, barcode and security products.

The expansion also marks a commitment to stay at the existing headquarters. The company has additional acreage that could be used for additional expansion in the future, CEO and co-founder Mike Baur said.

"I know my friends in Greenville city would love us to move downtown, but we have plenty of space here," Baur said.

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Flanked by large orange and red balloon sculptures of the ScanSource logo, Baur celebrated the growth of his company, which was founded in Greenville in 1993. The Greenville headquarters currently has 620 employees and the company has 2,100 employees worldwide, including in South America and Europe.

The expansion proves South Carolina has a "diversity of jobs," not just those in the manufacturing sector, Hitt said.

"Having a company start here in South Carolina and be located here and grow at the pace that this company has over the last 20-odd years is a remarkable feat," Hitt said. "This is a diversity of jobs we need in South Carolina. We're good at making things. ScanSource proves we're also good at marketing and selling things."

The expansion could also help attract some of ScanSource's suppliers, which include Hitachi, Brother and Honeywell, Hitt said.

McMaster also praised the expansion as a sign of South Carolina's economic strength.

"South Carolina is red hot. We're headed to the top and there's nothing that can stop us," McMaster said. "I'm tired of hearing people say we're just a poor state and we can't do anything. That's nonsense ... South Carolina can be a leader across the country."

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