



Governor McCrory Opens the Innovation Center
The iCenter Will Help North Carolina Modernize its Broken Information Technology Systems

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Gildan Activewear to Create More Than 500 New Jobs in Bladen, Davie, and Rowan Counties



Governor Pat McCrory and Commerce Secretary Sharon Decker announced on October 8, Gildan Yarns, LLC, a subsidiary of Gildan Activewear Inc., will expand its existing yarn spinning manufacturing facilities in Bladen and Rowan counties and establish a new yarn spinning facility in Davie County.

The company will invest in excess of \$250 million to build a yarn spinning

facility behind its Salisbury location, which is currently under construction, and another one in Mocksville, as well as to expand and renovate its Clarkton location. With these projects, Gildan expects to create more than 500 new jobs in North Carolina by the end of 2016.

"Apparel manufacturers like Gildan are further investing in North American operations and North Carolina is just the place for their company to succeed with that," said Governor McCrory. "The additional skilled manufacturing jobs that they'll create will strengthen the economy of these counties and demonstrates the strong talent pool and attractive quality of life that characterizes this region of the state."

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On October 10, Governor Pat McCrory, alongside State Chief Information Officer Chris Estes and Secretaries Decker, Daughtridge, Wos, Kluttz, Skvarla and senior leadership team opened North Carolina's new Innovation Center. The iCenter is a working lab in downtown Raleigh where state employees, students, agency Chief Information Officers, private industry, and citizens will collaborate on information technology solutions.



The space for the iCenter was made available by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources on the ground floor of its Green Square building on Jones Street.

"Technology is the key to making state government more efficient," said Governor McCrory. "The Innovation Center is a big step toward making state government user-friendly so that we can deliver more and improved services to citizens at a cost taxpayers can afford."



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Governor McCrory Appoints Retired Marine General As Military Affairs Advisor



Governor Pat McCrory announced Cornell A. Wilson Jr. as his newly appointed military affairs advisor on Thursday, October 10. General Wilson is a retired Major General of the United States Marine Corps.

“General Wilson’s experience aligns with the growing global responsibilities of the commands based in our state,” Governor McCrory said. “He will be a vital link in ensuring the armed forces get the support they need to carry out their mission. He will also continue the tradition of regarding every person serving our nation and their families as an integral part of the North Carolina community.”

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GE Opens New Product Development Facility in

Cary

Governor Pat McCrory congratulated GE Energy Management for opening its new Energy Management office in Cary on Wednesday, October 9. The new Cary office co-locates GE’s engineering and product management with other critical functions under one roof. In addition, it creates a global headquarters for GE’s Power Components and Power Equipment businesses. Governor McCrory’s Senior Advisor on Jobs and the Economy Tony Almeida was on hand for the grand opening.



“GE recognizes North Carolina’s educated workforce and great quality of life,” said Governor Pat McCrory. “This new Energy Management office strengthens GE’s presence in the Raleigh-Durham area as well as the entire state. It’s great to see existing businesses expand and reinvest in North Carolina.”

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Governor Congratulates Iseley Farms' for Winning Major Sustainable Farming Honor

Read more about how Governor McCrory and Commissioner Troxler celebrated with Jane Iseley's Farms on Monday, October 8 as she received "the Super Bowl trophy of sustainable farming".



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A Warm Tar Heel

Welcome for Chancellor Folt

Celebrating its 220th birthday, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on Saturday, October 12, installed Chancellor Carol Folt in front of thousands seated in Polk Place. Her [speech](#) was titled "Carolina Strong – Ever Fresh, Forward and for the People."

"I believe that Carolina can indeed be the leader in shaping the path for the great public university in America," said Chancellor Folt. "We can show how you do it – to be the one that preserves excellence and innovation, access and affordability, a deep commitment to the state, and gathers strength to innovate and meet new challenges."

Chancellor Folt also recognized Governor McCrory, "Thank you for those wonderful remarks and for upholding the traditions of public education and also for attending my installation today." "You were one of the first people to welcome me to this state and I look forward to many more conversations." Governor McCrory was honored to welcome her to the the helm, to guide and lead the university.



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Congratulations Nationwide!

Governor McCrory congratulated Nationwide Insurance on its 85th anniversary in North Carolina on Wednesday, October 9.

Nationwide has more than 1,300 associates and 1,600 licensed agents throughout North Carolina.



The governor joined Nationwide associates, agents, staff, community leaders and NASCAR driver Danica Patrick for the anniversary.

"Nationwide is an industry leader and investor in the community, state and throughout the country. Congratulations!"- Governor McCrory.

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