## 299 Michigan Companies Showed Confidence in Future During 1964

tures of \$1.5 million were an anounced \$1.5 million were an anounced to the state of the state of the state, the Michigan Econemic Expansion Council said in presenting its 1964 report of the Michigan Department of Economic Expansion to Governor George Rommey and the State Legislature.

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The report, reviewed by the Council at its annual meeting, shows 299 Michigan companies announced expansion plans last

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Donald F. Valley, Detroit, the Council chairman, said the expansion programs announced by General Motors, Ford and Chrysler in 1964 exceeded Silion to be spread over the next three years, indicating a continuing growth of industry and jobs for this period.

B. B. Conhoy, executive director of the Department, said the wide base of industry covered by the country of the co

State.

Many of these expanding, companies use Michigan's natural resources, which means additional income for citizens in the agricultural, mineral, wood, chemical and construction industries, he pointed out.

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Conboy estimated 125,000
new Michigan jobs will result
from the expansions announced
in 1964. 50,000 jobs will be directly in the companies involved, with 75,000 additional
jobs created in service and ancillary areas.

Attraction of new industry is Attraction of new industry is a very competitive business among the various states, Conbo pointed out, but favorable legislation in Michigan; plus availability of skilled labor and practical and well-developed plant sites have helped Michigan to maintain its position as a leading industrial state.

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agair to inflament possions a a leading industrial state.

"Industries requiring tech incally-trained personnel have been predominant at which means our college graduates will find more opportunities at home in the years shead.

"In the foreseeable future, our auto industry will continue to be the major influence on the major influence our auto industry will continue to be the major influence our auto industry will continue to be the major influence our ability of a tracting to age, our ability to attract industrial growth, development of nationally recognized research facilities and diversity of industry are extremely favorable influences.

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"State and local governments; business and citizens must con-tinue to plan for industrial cycles, but the economic future of Michigan seems clear and

of Michigan seems clear and/ bright."

The Department's industrial development program last year placed special emphasis on at-placed special emphasis on at-matical program of the program and development. Thirteen, two-man teams composed of Depart-ment representatives and private citizens, made presentations of Michigan's research advan-tages to 38 electronic companies to 38 electronic companies prospects for future Michigan prospects for future Michigan prospects for future Michigan developed. A similar drive has been aimed at chemical com-panies.

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AT THE END of 1984, the Department was working with 38 companies interested in starting new plants in Michigan.

The Department also is working with Mishigan communities and over 100 local industrial development corporations throughout the State to assist them in setting properly or

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ing space in national and State newspapers, trade magszines, and on billboards, plus radio and television time, and direct mails are being utilized in the program. In cooperated in development of the Michigan Day program at the New York World's Fair on May, 18, which resulted in a vest amount of free publicity for Michigan-for an expenditure of less than \$15,000 which the Legislature sauthorized for this purpose;

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