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Premier Kathleen Wynne was in Midland this morning at Weber Manufacturing Technologies to announce Ontario is investing more than \$790,000 in Weber's factory, helping the company adopt innovative technology and boost production capacity by 30 per cent. Weber employs a highly skilled workforce to make precision molds and components for leading automotive and aerospace manufacturers, as well as manufacturing its own MasterGrain line of fibreglass doors. This investment, through the Southwestern Ontario Development Fund, will:

- Support a major upgrade of Weber's facilities
- Help to create 17 new jobs and secure 220 existing jobs in Midland
- Allow Weber to increase its exports internationally and build on its success, while also strengthening Ontario's role as a leader in advanced manufacturing

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Also Today:

- Ontario is helping small businesses grow by providing better access to government support services and procurement opportunities. Jeff Leal, Minister Responsible for Small Business, was in Toronto this morning to make the announcement and kick off Small Business Week. Ontario will designate 33 per cent of its procurement spending to small and medium-sized businesses, which will be supported by initiatives to improve the process by making it easier for businesses to submit bids. The province has also launched a new program called Small Business Access, which will provide resources online and over the phone to make it easier for small businesses to interact with the government and get the supports they need.

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Our government's plan to build a stronger, healthier Ontario includes historic new investments in health care, including free medications for everyone 24 and under through OHIP+: Children and Youth Pharmacare, providing free tuition to over 210,000 students and on-the-job learning opportunities to help land a great job, helping 100,000 kids access quality, licensed child care and making it more affordable for families, making everyday life more affordable by reducing electricity costs by 25 per cent on average through our proposed Fair Hydro Plan, and taking action to make housing more affordable for homebuyers and renters through our Fair Housing Plan.