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On the cover: STMA 2012 Professional Baseball Field of the Year Fluor Field at the West End, Greenville, SC, home of the Greenville Drive, is managed by Greg Burgess and assistant Ross Groenevelt. Fluor Field has hosted some of the nation's top college programs over the past 7years, and the trend will continue in 2013 as 21 different programs are headed to downtown Greenville, including 2010 and 2011 National Champion University of South Carolina, Clemson, University of Cincinnati, Michigan State, Miami University (OH), USC-Upstate, University of Connecticut, and Northwestern. "Fluor Field

has become a highly sought after venue for top NCAA baseball programs in recent years," says Drive General Manager Mike deMaine.