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VIA EMAIL

Secretary Harry Lightsey
Department of Commerce
1201 Main Street, Suite 1600
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Secretary Lightsey:

The Economic Development, Transportation, and Natural Resources Subcommittee appreciates the agency's partnership in the oversight process. Based on information provided during the process, members have several questions about the workforce ecosystem, including other agencies within the ecosystem and how they share information.

The next page includes a list of statistics and visuals related to workforce development. We know a single agency will likely not have all the information by itself necessary for the statistics. However, as you serve as Chair for the Coordinating Council for Workforce Development (CCWD), various members request answers to the following questions be gathered.

1. How could it be utilized by the CCWD?
2. Based on CCWD's knowledge of different information maintained by individual agencies that comprise CCWD, could the statistics and visuals be produced if all agencies provided information they maintain?

3. Are CCWD entities willing to obtain and provide applicable information to the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office so the statistics and visuals could be provided to members in an aggregated manner?
 - a. If no, why?
 - b. If yes, when could it be available?

Statistics and Visuals

- I. Percentage of in-state students graduating from South Carolina colleges and universities that are employed in South Carolina five years after graduation.
- II. Percentage of individuals that obtain a ManuFirstSC certificate that are employed in manufacturing one year after graduation and three years after graduation
- III. Interactive map with inbound/outbound migration, including inbound income per capita; outbound income per capita, and non-migrant income per capita for the following:
 - a. Statewide
 - b. By county
 - c. By school district
 - d. By educational institution that receives funding from the General Assembly
- IV. Average starting wage for high school graduates, technical school graduates, and four-year degree graduates, by major, four years after graduation. Please provide this information by U.S. BEA and NAICS codes at the sector and sub sector level.

Please provide responses to the questions by Wednesday, February 23, 2022, so the Subcommittee members may have time to review it prior to the next meeting on Monday, February 28, 2022.

The agency's responses will be posted online for transparency to the public. Accordingly, please do not provide any information that may not be posted online due to legal or contract prohibitions, that may harm the competitive advantage of the state in recruiting and retaining business, or that may jeopardize the life, health, or safety of anyone.

In responding to these questions, please remember the Committee's expectations, which are provided in the Committee's Standard Practice 6. The Subcommittee looks forward to working collaboratively with the Department of Commerce during the oversight process. Thank you and your team for your service to the citizens of South Carolina.

Sincerely,



Representative William M. "Bill" Hixon
Subcommittee Chair

cc: The Honorable Wm. Weston J. Newton
Economic Development, Transportation, and Natural Resources Subcommittee