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RE: Follow-up Questions from House Oversight Meetings

Director Huntley,

The Economic Development, Transportation, and Natural Resources Subcommittee appreciates JEDA’s continued partnership in the oversight process. The Subcommittee requests that JEDA provide written responses to questions pertinent to the study process. Please provide this information by **Friday, August 25, 2023**.

Please note that the Subcommittee cannot accept any confidential information that cannot be placed online. Additionally, all correspondence received from agencies who have been or are currently under study is sworn testimony.

1. Section 41-43-260 of the South Carolina Code requires JEDA to “make an annual report to the State Fiscal Accountability Authority, Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office, and the Executive Budget Office, and the General Assembly *on its programs and operations*.”

(Emphasis added.) JEDA's 2022 Annual Report appears to be limited to its private activity bond program.

- Why does the Annual Report not include the Community Development Block Program, the Small Business Credit Initiative, InvestSC, and the Palmetto State Growth Fund?
2. What types of fees, if any, does JEDA charge in its Industrial Revenue Bond Program?
 3. What is the average number of tax-exempt bond closings engaged in each year by JEDA during the last 5 fiscal years?
 4. What is the average number of taxable bond closings per year engaged in by JEDA during the last five fiscal years.
 5. What types of fees, if any, does JEDA charge in its taxable bond program and how are those fees calculated?
 6. Does JEDA have an insurance fund or guaranty fund as referenced in sections 41-43-140 or 41-43-170 of the South Carolina Code? If so, who is the trustee of each fund and what is the purpose of each fund?
 7. How does JEDA distribute its Annual Report to the State Fiscal Accountability Authority, Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office, and the Executive Budget Office, and the General Assembly?
 8. Other than InvestSC and Palmetto State Growth Fund, has JEDA ever created any other entities under the authority of section 41-43-240 of the Code? If so, what is the legal name of such entities and the current status of each entity? Who are the officers of such entities?
 9. Under section 41-43-240 of the Code, JEDA may create entities when it "considers [it] necessary to carry out the purposes of [Chapter 43 of Title 41]." Addressing each separately, how do InvestSC, Palmetto State Growth Fund, and any other entity created by JEDA, if any, carry out the purposes of the Jobs-Economic Development Fund Act?
 10. Does JEDA manage its own investments or does JEDA engage an outside investment advisor? If JEDA engages an outside advisor, what is the name of the advisor and what is the compensation arrangement with the advisor?

11. JEDA's FY 2021-22 Bank Account and Transparency Accountability Report contains several entries labeled "Business Card Services." In all, twelve separate monthly credit card payment transactions total \$18,016.67. Yet, there is nothing in the Report detailing the nature of the transactions, nor has JEDA provided any receipts explaining the nature of the transactions. Please set forth JEDA's rationale for omitting any explanation or receipts for these transactions.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Travis A. Moore
Subcommittee Chair

cc: Economic Development, Natural Resources, and Transportation Subcommittee
The Honorable Jeffrey E. Johnson