



# **2025 Annual Accountability Report**

**Department of Commerce  
Agency Code: P320**

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### **AGENCY’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

The South Carolina Department of Commerce (S.C. Commerce) successfully continued advancing its mission to create opportunities for all South Carolinians during Fiscal Year 2025. From January to December 2024, S.C. Commerce announced total capital investment by companies creating new facilities or expanding their existing businesses of \$8.19 billion and the creation over 5,500 new jobs. Existing industries reinvesting in the state through expansion projects, represent \$5.38 billion of all announced capital investment last year. The leading industry sectors of 2024 by total investment include:

- Information Technology and Computer Equipment – \$4.1 billion.
- Automotive – \$1.3 billion.
- Aerospace – \$1 billion.

To achieve this type of sustained success on behalf of the state and its citizens, three of S.C. Commerce’s external facing divisions work collaboratively to recruit new companies and encourage existing companies to expand their operations in South Carolina. The three divisions are:

- The Global Business Development (GBD) division. This is the state’s sales team for attracting industry, which includes supporting the marketing and development of sites suitable for businesses to locate upon.
- The Business Incentives and Community Development (BICD) division. This team focuses on providing grants to counties to assist with economic development projects, as well as grants to local governments for revitalizing neighborhoods, improving community infrastructure and providing public facilities.
- The Business Services (BS) division. This team supports South Carolina companies throughout the entire business lifecycle – providing a bevy of services to help companies achieve long-term success.

The interconnected activities of these divisions reinforce the state’s reputation as the place where companies can achieve success from launch to legacy. Serving as partners throughout the entire business life cycle for companies that locate here, these divisions help foster sustained growth for

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companies and the South Carolinians they employ. Some of the many accomplishments these three divisions made in FY 25 include:

- Achieving export sales totaling \$38 billion, the highest volume since 2019.
  - o This sales figure represents a 2% increase year-over-year and is in line with overall U.S. exports which also saw 2% growth.
- Topping U.S. states in the export sales of completed passenger vehicles, with \$10.9 billion representing 18.4% of total U.S market share.
- Establishing a new international office to serve the United Kingdom (U.K.) and Irish markets, bolstering the state’s transatlantic trade and investment efforts, which builds upon the December 2022 memorandum of understanding (MOU) signed by South Carolina and the U.K. to strengthen cooperation and trade relations.
- Signing an MOU between South Carolina and Taiwan to reinforce a commitment to partnership, reciprocal collaboration and future successes between the two.
- Marking the 50th anniversary of S.C. Commerce’s European Office and the \$16.3 billion dollars of economic development investment European companies have announced in South Carolina since 2011, along with more than 35,000 announced jobs.
- Awarding nearly \$11.8 million in competitive grants for site product development in 15 counties.
  - o Funding is typically used for due diligence, infrastructure, grading, roads, landscaping, monument signs, lighting, utility extensions, property purchase and speculative building construction.
- Conducting and completing 21 Palmetto Site Evaluations that rate industrial sites on various development criteria and create plans to best position the properties for success.
- Leading companies as part of South Carolina’s delegation to major domestic and international trade shows such as SelectUSA, the Farnborough International Show in England, the Paris Air Show, Aeromart Montreal, and the MEDICA Trade Fair in Germany. These opportunities allowed companies to boost brand visibility and expand their customer base.

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- Supporting 75 small businesses with their export development and international sales efforts, allocating \$333,304 in funding (\$4,444 average award per company) with businesses reporting \$4,828,144 in immediate sales.
- Conducting export-focused consultations with 130 statewide businesses involved in international trade.
- Completing 481 site visits with the state's existing industry companies, providing trade, recycling, supplier outreach, emergency management, small business and innovation support.
- Conducting a South Carolina forestry industry roundtable focused on the industry's current state and discovering new markets for companies. Representatives from 25 companies took part.
- Attracting four recycling companies that announced new investments in South Carolina totaling \$45.75 million and 164 new jobs.
- Responding to 332 inquiries and providing 596 referrals to connect small businesses directly with the statewide network of capital providers, experts and resources dedicated to their success.
- Supporting small business development and growth by increasing StimulateSC grant funding by 215% (\$85,000 to \$268,000) and the number of entities supported by 50%.
- Hosting 30 innovation strategy-building and networking events, uniting ecosystem builders, community leaders, economic developers, industry, research institutions, founders, and investors, creating invaluable connection points that catalyzed collaboration and elevated innovation statewide.
- Increasing the number of new Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer grants applications submitted under the 3PhaseSC program to 86, nearly a 200% increase from the previous fiscal year. This signals a surge in early-stage founders, university spinouts and small businesses seeking to bring ideas to market.
- Expanding connections between South Carolina businesses and new supplier opportunities by conducting 17 B2B matchmaking and supplier outreach events. Through those events, a total of 61 original equipment

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manufacturers were engaged and nearly 700 suppliers participated, producing more than 30 sourcing requests.

- Supporting and connecting the state’s businesses to resources following Tropical Storm Debby and Hurricane Helene, by receiving and coordinating donations from private sector partners through the Private-Public Partnership Program; helping communities get groceries, pharmacies and banks reopened; finding lodging options for utility workers, and SCEMD and National Guard teams; and assisting with feeding operations for first responders and public.
- Organizing and conducting three Farm and Forestry Recovery Resource Days at the request of Governor Henry McMaster following Hurricane Helene. These events brought together 20 agencies and organizations at each event to provide farmers and tree producers one-stop-shop access to needed resources.
- Enhancing the amount of disaster-related information for companies to access via the SC Emergency Business Resources Dashboard by adding school closures.
  - o Businesses accessed the dashboards 7,300 times and alleviated many calls staff would have traditionally received while manning the ESF-24 desk at the state’s emergency operations center.
- Increasing the number of businesses and partners receiving the ESF-24 emergency newsletter and alerts to 5,564. During FY 25, S.C. Commerce sent 24 disaster-related alerts, and the majority achieved an open rate of 40%.
- Completing Phase One of the Rural Development Strategic Planning Initiative with the development of strategic plans for the cities of Union, Chesterfield, Bishopville, Orangeburg, Bamberg, Walterboro, Conway and Gaffney.
  - o These plans serve as comprehensive, data-driven guides with clear, actionable steps. The proposed future projects identified within these plans, once implemented, have the potential to significantly improve the quality of life in these cities.
- Awarding a total of \$17.8 million in two Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding rounds to 26 local community entities, which will

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contribute to the creation of resilient and sustainable residential communities through new infrastructure construction and improvements to existing infrastructure assets, as well as funded public facilities, services, and other activities that strengthen existing communities and support a high quality of life and economic growth.

- Awarding \$5.5 million in Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Area Development Program grant funding for 11 projects to innovate, partner and invest to build community capacity and strengthen economic growth in Appalachia South Carolina.

In FY 25, S.C. Commerce operationalized a fourth external-facing division, SC NEXUS, to oversee the SC Nexus for Advanced Resilient Energy (SC NEXUS), one of 31 Regional Technology and Innovation Hubs nationwide. Led by S.C. Commerce, the SC NEXUS tech hub, a consortium of more than 50 members, aims to establish South Carolina as a global leader in advanced resilient energy by developing, testing and deploying advanced energy technologies. During its first year as a division, SC NEXUS began aggressively building out various projects and securing additional support. Related accomplishments include:

- Securing \$45.3 million in EDA Tech Hub funding, which leveraged an additional \$61.7 million in private investment and \$18.8 million in grants. The \$80.5 million in leveraged commitments represents a ratio of approximately 1.77 — nearly double the initial federal award of approximately \$45 Million.
- Elevating the state’s role in national energy conversations by serving as a featured speaker at over 30 speakers at conferences and forums, leading more than 100 collaboration sessions with partners, and hosting targeted rural community meetings to expand stakeholder engagement statewide.
- Advancing the three SC NEXUS flagship testbeds while strengthening industry relationships:
  - o The Carolina Institute for Battery Innovation (CIBI) began construction of a 20,000-square-foot pilot-scale battery facility and formed several key research partnerships with energy industry leaders, such as EnerSys.
  - o The Grid Enabled Cyber Operations Range (GECO) established a public-private partnership with Southern Power and SRNL.



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o The Economic Development through Grid Emulation (EDGE) secured \$12.5 million in federal funding that leveraged more than \$55 million in additional investments, alongside 10 industry NDAs supporting collaborative research and commercialization opportunities.

- Advancing workforce development through the Education & Workforce Center (EWC), by creating grid resilience curriculum with the Governor’s School for Science and Mathematics, providing \$1.7 million in funding for K–12 energy awareness programs, and awarding \$30,000 in scholarships to technical college students.
- Strengthening South Carolina’s visibility as a leader in advanced energy by hosting two nuclear energy workshops.

Delivering the positive outcomes described above not only takes collaboration between S.C. Commerce’s four external-facing divisions (GBD, BICD, BS and SC NEXUS), but it also takes partnership between those divisions and the agency’s other divisions.

Here are some of the many ways the other divisions enabled the agency’s work to carry out its mission.

The Marketing and Communications (MarComms) division worked to further integrate the new Launch to Legacy brand across all aspects of the agency to help employees serve as brand ambassadors through their various roles and stakeholder interactions. MarComms accomplished this by creating and delivering an employee training to foster brand engagement and understanding within the agency. Sixty-eight employees took part in one of the two trainings. Additionally, MarComms created and deployed the “Launch your Legacy” internal employee brand campaign to build additional brand connection. The eight-week, internal campaign profiled employees talking about how they use their jobs to help build the agency’s legacy. To maximize the new brand externally, MarComms conducted several key activities including:

- Closing out the highly successful Phase One paid media campaign, which delivered more than 130 million impressions resulting in 130,000 visits to the campaign webpage, [sclaunchtolegacy.com](http://sclaunchtolegacy.com) housed on [sccommerce.com](http://sccommerce.com). Of the 130,000 visits, 99% were new visitors to the



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agency's website. Ninety-eight percent of the viewers that watched the three campaign commercials on the webpage, watched the full 30 second spots. The campaign also drove several hundred new visitors to [locatesc.sccommerce.com](http://locatesc.sccommerce.com).

- Creating and delivering a new modern and brand-aligned agency sales book through collaboration with GBD, BICD, BS and SC NEXUS.
  - o The book is used at various trades shows and events and is accessible on the agency website. Since its February deployment, 605 website visitors have completed the call to action to have a copy of the book emailed to them.
- Utilizing the state procurement process to secure a vendor for and kick-off of the creation of the Phase Two paid media campaign, designed to target several select U.S. cities and markets as well as Munich, Germany and London, England, where S.C. Commerce has two international economic development offices.
- Planning and deploying the Second Annual Governor's Economic Summit in January. Approximately 300 people attended from across the state. The event brought together industry, economic developers, institutions of higher education and state government.

During FY 25, the Information Management and Technology (IMT) division played a pivotal role in advancing agency-wide technology initiatives. One major milestone was the implementation of TeamDynamix, a comprehensive toolset that supports Project Portfolio Management, Enterprise Service Management and Information Technology Service Management. This rollout reflects a strategic focus on operational efficiency and is expected to significantly enhance service delivery and project oversight. IMT executed several operational efficiency-related efforts including:

- Deploying four new dashboards to improve self-service access to commonly used data, empowering staff with timely insights and reducing reliance on manual reporting.

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- Establishing a new Customer Relationship Management (CRM) tool governance group to address the growing complexity of customer data management and to align CRM practices with enterprise goals.
- Researching and planning for a scalable data infrastructure and architecture that will be designed to meet the agency's evolving data needs for years to come.
- Conducting a robust skills gap analysis of the Research team, gaining valuable insights into team strengths and areas for development. This has enabled more effective work organization and targeted cross-training efforts.
- Migrating two departments to the agency's cloud-only environment, with progress underway to transition the entire agency. This migration, which will be a first for any state agency in South Carolina, offers several advantages, including enhanced security, greater reliability and reduced support costs.

IMT also worked with the agency's Project Executive and Deputy Secretary to launch a Project Portfolio Management (PPM) tool giving executive leadership a comprehensive view of enterprise and operational initiatives agencywide. To support this work, a governance process was established to guide strategic project selection, ensure alignment with priorities and manage resource allocation. This process marks the first step toward building a formal Project Management Office. During FY 25 S.C. Commerce staff tracked 45 enterprise projects through the PPM process, completing 19 of those projects.

Providing the training and resources to help S.C. Commerce employees continually enhance their skills and develop new ones is vital to the agency accomplishing its mission. To that end, the Human Resources (HR) division offered several opportunities for growth from day one of employment and beyond, including:

- Implementing an 11-month training schedule that included both virtual and in-person opportunities. Training topics ranged from Leadership and Management, Communication, Critical Thinking and Problem Solving, Collaboration and Teamwork, Emotional Intelligence, Digital Literacy, and

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Adaptability to Civil Treatment for Leaders and Employees, Hiring Practices, Second Interviewing and more.

- o HR delivered or provided 23 training sessions during FY 25, totaling 84 hours.

- Revamping the Day-One Orientation Program for all new hires to include a policy and procedures review, benefits education and enrollment, one-on-one introductions to the agency, and a workplace tour. HR also created a six-month onboarding program designed to complete the employee life cycle and lay a strong foundation for long-term success.

- Planning and executing four Executive Leadership Retreats and 15 divisional retreats focused on strategic planning, budgeting, team collaboration, education and training. Additionally, HR hosted four agency town halls.

- Launching an enhanced interview process to improve hiring decisions, reduce turnover, and ensure the agency hires the most qualified candidates who align with both the position and the agency's mission and culture.

- o The new process includes a second interview, either one-on-one with leadership or through an additional panel interview featuring behavioral, case study or open-ended questions.

Regardless of the focus of each of S.C. Commerce's various divisions, all are united by a passion to make a difference for their fellow South Carolinians. The agency is deeply committed to creating long-term opportunities for all citizens – opportunities that allow them to create their own legacy while the state further builds its legacy.

Looking ahead to the next fiscal year and beyond, S.C. Commerce always considers risk assessment and mitigation strategies when it comes to securing future economic development that will benefit the state. S.C. Commerce constantly evaluates the economic development climate in the state, across the nation and around the world. That awareness helps inform how the agency engages with existing and prospective companies and reinforces South Carolina's reputation as a business-friendly state.

Continuously changing technology and the rate at which companies and other entities adapt to those changes is a challenge for any state. To that

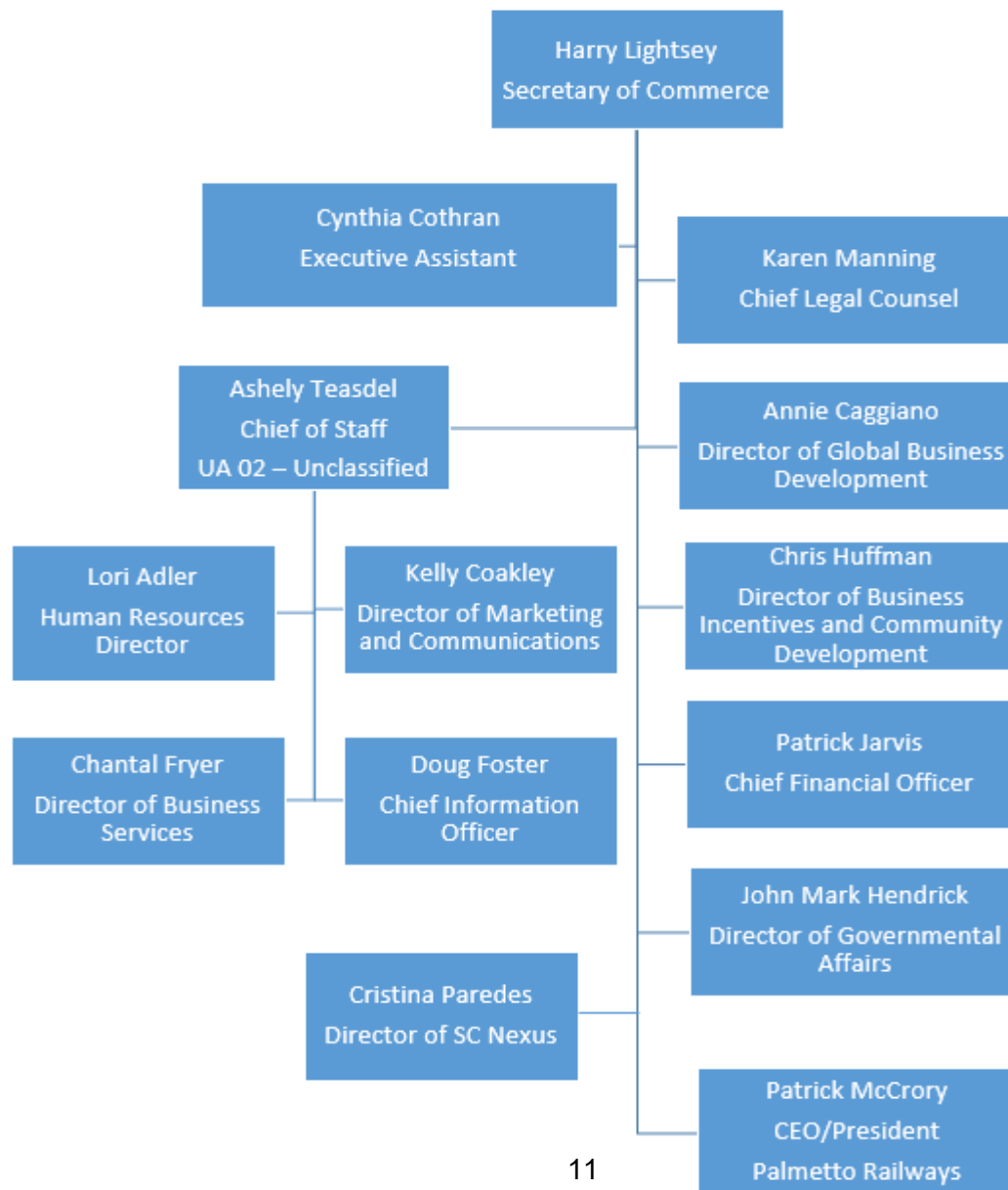
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end, S.C. Commerce remains committed to raising awareness about the importance of adjusting to this transformative time, accelerating the commercialization of technologies that will help meet growing demands for resources and moving toward a more targeted approach to strategic development.

Therefore, S.C. Commerce will continue striving to diversify the state's portfolio in the years ahead. Targeting companies for headquarter locations, attracting more life sciences companies, and leading the way in advanced energy will all make South Carolina's future stronger.

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## AGENCY ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



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## Reorganization and Compliance

as submitted for the Accountability Report by:

**P320 - DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

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### Agency Mission

Adopted in:

**2021**

Create economic opportunities to increase choices for all South Carolinians

### Agency Vision

Adopted in:

**2021**

Embrace the future to ensure South Carolina's sustainable advantage

### Recommendations for reorganization requiring legislative change:

None

### Agency intentions for other major reorganization to divisions, departments, or programs to allow the agency to operate more effectively and efficiently in the succeeding fiscal year:

None

### Significant events related to the agency that occurred in FY2025

Description of Event	Start	End	Agency Measures Impacted	Other Impacts
Farm and Forest Recovery Resource Days	October	December	Calls addressed by agency concerning small business inquiries	

Governors Economic Development Summit	January	January	Economic development training provided by agency meeting the needs of attendees	
Received Federal Tech Hub Funding	July	July	Engage with partners and industry leaders through collaboration sessions to strengthen relationships and drive joint initiatives.	
Opened UK/Ireland Office	October	June	South Carolina's ranking among the states in Foreign Direct Investment jobs as a percentage of total employment	
Operationalized SC Nexus Division	July	June	Engage with partners and industry leaders through collaboration sessions to strengthen relationships and drive joint initiatives.	
Launched Phase II of Launch to Legacy Marketing Campaign	May	June	First-time visitors to SC Commerce website - 5% increase	
<b>Is the agency in compliance with S.C. Code Ann. § 2-1-220, which requires submission of certain reports to the Legislative Services Agency for publication online and the State Library? (See also S.C. Code Ann. § 60-2-20).</b>				<b>Yes</b>
<b>Reason agency is out of compliance: (if applicable)</b>				
<b>Is the agency in compliance with various requirements to transfer its records, including electronic ones, to the Department of Archives and History? See the Public Records Act (S.C. Code Ann. § 30-1-10 through 30-1-180) and the South Carolina Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (S.C. Code Ann. § 26-6-10 through 26-10-210).</b>				<b>Yes</b>
<b>Does the law allow the agency to promulgate regulations?</b>				<b>Yes</b>



<b>Law number(s) which gives the agency the authority to promulgate regulations:</b>	<b>S.C. Code §13-1-350(4)(u)</b>	
<b>Has the agency promulgated any regulations?</b>		<b>No</b>
<b>Is the agency in compliance with S.C. Code Ann. § 1-23-120 (J), which requires an agency to conduct a formal review of its regulations every five years?</b>		<b>Yes</b>
<b>(End of Reorganization and Compliance Section)</b>		

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## Strategic Plan Results

as submitted for the Accountability Report by:

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- Goal 1** Attract capital investment and job creation throughout South Carolina
- Goal 2** Build on the strengths of the state's existing, small, and emerging industries
- Goal 3** Increase the knowledge and available infrastructure in South Carolina through workforce and community development
- Goal 4** Serve as the connection for the business and education communities in order to prepare the workforce to meet industry demands
- Goal 5** Manage agency assets to achieve agency goals and objectives

Perf. Measure Number	Description	Base	Target	Actual	Value Type	Desired Outcome	Time Applicable	Calculation Method	Data Source	Data Location	Stakeholder Need Satisfied	Primary Stakeholder	State Funded Program Number Responsible	Notes
<b>1.1 Implement a targeted marketing strategy to promote new investment and job creation</b>														
1.1.1	Meet or Exceed capital investment goal established by agency	\$9,220,000,000	\$5,000,000,000	\$8,971,000.00	Dollar Amount	equal to or greater than	Calendar Year	Calculated from commitment letters from companies	Customer Relation Management System	Customer Relationship Management Software	Ability to assess the effectiveness of the agency in recruiting capital investment into South Carolina	Taxpayer, Site Selector, prospective company and anyone looking to compare South Carolina to other states	0200.010000.000; 6000.100100.000;6000.120200X000;6000.150115X000;6001.010100.000;6001.011000X000;6001.050100.000;6001.150100.000;9804.140000X000	
1.1.2	Meet or Exceed jobs recruited goal established by agency	14,120	14,000	7,497	Count	equal to or greater than	Calendar Year	Calculated from commitment letters from companies	Customer Relation Management System	Customer Relationship Management Software	Ability to assess the effectiveness of the agency in recruiting job creation into South Carolina	Taxpayer, Site Selector, prospective company and anyone looking to compare South Carolina to other states	0200.010000.000; 6000.100100.000;6000.120200X000;6000.150115X000;6001.010100.000;6001.011000X000;6001.050100.000;6001.150100.000;9804.140000X000	As technology continues to advance and automation is more heavily used in the manufacturing process, announced job creation will continue to decrease year over year. In 2025, the largest job announcement in the state was 500 jobs.
1.1.3	South Carolina's ranking of the most business- friendly state in the U.S.	2	3	2	Rank	equal to or less than	Calendar Year	Area Development Magazine	Area Development Magazine	Area Development Magazine	Evaluation of business- friendly climate of the South Carolina	Taxpayer, Site Selector, prospective company and anyone looking to compare South Carolina to other states	ALL programs	
1.1.4	South Carolina's ranking among the states in Foreign Direct Investment jobs as a percentage of total employment	7	3	12	Rank	equal to or less than	Calendar Year	Global Business	Bureau of Economic Analysis. U.S. Department of Commerce. New Foreign Direct Investment in the United States, 2023.  Bureau of Labor Statistics. U.S. Department of Labor. Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, Annual Average Employment	<a href="https://www.bea.gov/sites/default/files/2024-07/fdi0724_0.xlsx">https://www.bea.gov/sites/default/files/2024-07/fdi0724_0.xlsx</a> (Table 6.2_2023)  <a href="https://data.bls.gov/cew/apps/table_maker/v4/table_maker.htm#type=0&amp;year=2023&amp;qtr=A&amp;own=5&amp;ind=10&amp;supp=0">https://data.bls.gov/cew/apps/table_maker/v4/table_maker.htm#type=0&amp;year=2023&amp;qtr=A&amp;own=5&amp;ind=10&amp;supp=0</a>	Ability to assess the effectiveness of the agency in recruiting foreign- owned businesses	Taxpayer, Site Selector, prospective company and anyone looking to compare South Carolina to other states	0200.010000.000; 6000.100100.000;6000.120200X000;6000.150115X000;6001.010100.000;6001.011000X000;6001.050100.000;6001.150100.000;9804.140000X000	

Perf. Measure Number	Description	Base	Target	Actual	Value Type	Desired Outcome	Time Applicable	Calculation Method	Data Source	Data Location	Stakeholder Need Satisfied	Primary Stakeholder	State Funded Program Number Responsible	Notes
1.1.5	First-time visitors to SC Commerce website - 5% increase	237,751	249,638.55	321,300; 35%	Percent	Equal to or greater than	Calendar year	Website Metrics	Website Analytics	Internal Files	Ability to assess the effectiveness of the agency's marketing efforts	Taxpayer, Site Selector, prospective company and anyone looking to compare South Carolina to other states	6000.120100.000; 6000.120200X000	
1.1.6	Followers on LinkedIn - 10% increase	26,158	28,773.80	30,370; 16.1%	Percent	Equal to or greater than	Calendar year	LinkedIn metrics	LinkedIn	Internal Files	Ability to assess the effectiveness of the agency's marketing efforts	Taxpayer, Site Selector, prospective company and anyone looking to compare South Carolina to other states	6000.120100.000; 6000.120200X000	
<b>1.2 Increase Emphasis on recruiting jobs to rural communities of SC</b> <b>State Objective: Public Infrastructure and Economic Development</b>														
1.2.1	Meet or Exceed goal established by agency for jobs recruited in rural areas of SC.	3,882	3,000	1,632	Count	greater than	Calendar Year	Credit purposes	System	Software	Ability to assess the effectiveness of the agency in recruiting to rural communities	Tier III and Tier IV Counties	0200.010000.000; 6000.100100.000;6000.120100.000;6000.120200X000;6000.150115X000;6001.010100.000;6001.011000X000;6001.050100.000;6001.150100.000;9804.140000X000	As technology continues to advance and automation is more heavily used in the manufacturing process, announced job creation will continue to decrease year over year. In 2025, the largest job announcement in the state was 500 jobs.
1.2.2	Meet or Exceed % of jobs recruited in rural areas of SC as compared to % of labor pool residing in rural counties.	26%	24%	22%	Percent	greater than	Calendar Year	Tier breakdown table in InformSC dashboard; Tier III and IV's percent share of total new jobs for 2024.	Rural Counties defined by the SCDOR.  SC Commerce InformSC dashboard.	https://www.sccommerce.com/state-economy/project-recruitment-data	Ability to assess the effectiveness of the agency in recruiting to rural communities	Tier III and Tier IV Counties	0200.010000.000; 6000.100100.000;6000.120100.000;6000.120200X000;6000.150115X000;6001.010100.000;6001.011000X000;6001.050100.000;6001.150100.000;9804.140000X000	As technology continues to advance and automation is more heavily used in the manufacturing process, announced job creation will continue to decrease year over year. In 2025, the largest job announcement in the state was 500 jobs.
<b>2.1 Build on the strengths of the state's existing industries</b> <b>State Objective: Public Infrastructure and Economic Development</b>														
2.1.1	Hold seminars with partners to increase existing businesses understanding of exporting and trade resources	167	170	130	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Actual attendees	Attendance records of training	Customer Relationship Management Software	Understanding of export regulations, compliance requirements, overseas market sale opportunities, resources and funding available for export-related activities.	South Carolina existing businesses, primarily small-to-medium size, already exporting or with an export-ready product - service.	6001.050100.000	Metrics reflect number of companies engaged with to provide export/trade advisement
2.1.2	South Carolina's ranking of states in exports per capita	6	10	9	Rank	equal to or less than	Calendar Year	Statistic provided by US Department of Commerce	U.S. Census Bureau. 2023 USA Trade, State Population Estimates (NST-EST2023-POP)	https://usatrade.census.gov/  https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/tables/2020-2023/state/totals/NST-EST2023-POP.xlsx	The stakeholder need most satisfied by this measure is to assist South Carolina businesses to sell products and services internationally.	South Carolina Existing Industry, Economic Developers and Economic Development Partners.	6001.050100.000	

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2.1.3	Number of companies visited as a result of the agency Existing Industry Visitation Program	565	400	481	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Number of visits	Customer Relation Management System	Customer Relationship Management Software	The stakeholder need most satisfied by this measure is assistance with cost avoidance, layoff aversion, increased sales, global competitiveness, pivoting production and achieving greater operational success	Existing manufacturers in SC, primary target is small to mid-size firms with 100 employees or less.	6001.050100.000;6000.120300X000	
2.1.4	Calls addressed by agency concerning recycling industry inquiries	151	175	147	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Number of inquiries	Customer Relation Management System	Customer Relationship Management Software	Waste reduction, advance circular economy, support the state's recycling industry, may reduce disposal cost	Primarily existing manufacturers in SC and manufacturers/pr ospects interested in coming to SC. Calls may also include residents, and other entities looking for recycling assistance	6001.050100.000	Year-over-year call volume stayed consistent, underscoring team resilience during a 7-month staffing gap.
2.2 Build on the strengths of the state's small businesses State Objective: Public Infrastructure and Economic Development														
2.2.1	Calls addressed by agency concerning small business inquiries	290	400	332	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Number of inquiries	Customer Relation Management System	Customer Relationship Management System (CRM) and Shared Drive	The stakeholder need most satisfied by this measure is assistance in locating small business support which includes financial resources, technical assistance, and connections to free business consultations to help start and grow their business.	South Carolina small and medium-sized existing companies, new entrepreneurs, and business startups.	6001.050100.000	Lower call volume reflects increased efficiency and the proactive distribution of a comprehensive eight-page Small Business FAQ, available via email, print, and QR codes, which reduces the need for direct inquiries.
2.2.2	Host existing industry events for local suppliers and service providers to connect them with opportunities with state OEM's/Tier 1's	1,071	300	700	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Actual attendees	Attendance records of training	Customer Relationship Management Software	The stakeholder need most satisfied by this measure is assistance with supplier needs current and ongoing and to help grow businesses, gain exposure, and nurture business relationships and/or partnerships.	South Carolina companies large and small, new or existing.	6001.050100.000	
2.3 Build on the strengths of the state's innovative and emerging industries State Objective: Public Infrastructure and Economic Development														

Perf. Measure Number	Description	Base	Target	Actual	Value Type	Desired Outcome	Time Applicable	Calculation Method	Data Source	Data Location	Stakeholder Need Satisfied	Primary Stakeholder	State Funded Program Number Responsible	Notes	
2.3.1	Number of innovation ecosystem strategy, networking, and capacity - building events hosted by agency or through grant-funded programs.		27	20	30	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Number of events	Office Records	Internal Files	Create opportunities for the innovation community to connect with one another.	South Carolina's innovation community comprises a diverse stakeholder base including but not limited to: ecosystem builders, community leaders, economic developers, corporate, research institutions, small business owners, angel investors, venture capitalists, etc.	6000.350000.000; 6001.350500X000; 9806.720000X000	
2.3.2	Number of new applications initiated under the 3Phase program		25	30	86	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Actual companies	Grantees	Program Database	Increasing access to the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) grants program	Small business owners, early stage-founders, university spinouts	6000.350000.000; 6001.350500X000; 9806.720000X000	
3.1 Work with local leaders to develop economic development “product,” such as speculative buildings, industrial sites and parks to ensure that communities have available properties for investors and job creators															
State Objective: Public Infrastructure and Economic Development															
3.1.1	Add quality sites to revised building and sites database (LocateSC)		548	600	340	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Number of actual sites on LocateSC	LocateSC	LocateSC Database	Ability to find suitable sites in South Carolina where a business or industry may be located	Business owner, Site Selector, Economic Development officials and real estate agents	6001.011500X000; 9806.320000X000	While it’s important to continue to add new product to our inventory, missing the 2025 goal is also an indication with our success, in landing projects on sites and buildings in our inventory. Additionally, SC Commerce implemented an expiration date on LocateSC listings and communities have to renew listings every 6 months, this helps the locals stay engaged with LocateSC and ensure listings are actually available.
3.1.2	Add quality buildings to revised building and sites database (LocateSC)		500	400	300	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Number of industrial buildings on LocateSC	LocateSC	LocateSC Database	Ability to find suitable buildings in South Carolina where a business or industry may be located	Business owner, Site Selector, Economic Development officials and real estate agents	6001.011500X000; 9806.320000X000	While it’s important to continue to add new product to our inventory, missing the 2025 goal is also an indication with our success, in landing projects on sites and buildings in our inventory. Additionally, SC Commerce implemented an expiration date on LocateSC listings and communities have to renew listings every 6 months, this helps the locals stay engaged with LocateSC and ensure listings are actually available.
3.2 Improve infrastructure of South Carolina Lower-Moderate Income (LMI) communities by making a suitable living environment more widely available.															
State Objective: Public Infrastructure and Economic Development															

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3.2.1	Number of predominantly LMI communities that received CDBG funding for new or improved infrastructure, facilities or services		21	5	11	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Actual grantees	Grantees	Customer Relationship Management Software	Funding for community needs	Local governments	6001.150500.000	
3.2.2	Number of predominantly LMI communities that received CDBG funding for community and regional planning and coordination initiatives		39	40	41	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Actual grantees	Grantees	Customer Relationship Management Software	Funding for community needs	Local governments	6001.150500.000	
3.2.3	Number of predominantly LMI communities that received CDBG funding to preserve neighborhoods through revitalization, development or elimination of blight		2	15	15	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Actual grantees	Grantees	Customer Relationship Management Software	Funding for planning to assist in identifying and developing projects	Local governments	6001.150500.000	
3.3 Provide timely, relevant, and up-to-date economic development training for local leadership and practitioners. State Objective: Public Infrastructure and Economic Development															
3.3.1	Meet or exceed the goal established by agency for number of attendees participating in agency sponsored training opportunities		381	200	294	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Actual attendees to virtual meetings	Attendance records of training	Internal Files	Improve knowledge of professional economic developers and community leaders involved in economic development to help individuals develop their communities.	Professional economic developers, local (county and city) elected officials, economic development allies and various community leaders.	6000.100100.000	
3.3.2	Economic development training provided by agency meeting the needs of attendees		4.80	4.50	4.80	Rank	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Current value, based on 5 point scale with 5 being the highest score. Average score per training class added together then divided by numbers of classes offered by agency.	Evaluations completed by attendees of training	Internal Files	Improve knowledge of professional economic developers and community leaders involved in economic development to help individuals develop their communities.	Professional economic developers, local (county and city) elected officials, economic development allies and various community leaders.	6000.100100.000	
4.1 Facilitate Applied Research by partnering SC institutes of Higher Education with Companies and Partners to collaborate and find solutions to real-time business conditions State Objective: Public Infrastructure and Economic Development															
4.1.1	Numbers of Partners/Companies involved in grants funded in the current year with Applied Research Fund Dollars		22	15	15	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Actual grantees	Grantees	Internal Files	Collaboration between Institutions of Higher Learning and Existing Manufacturers in South Carolina	South Carolina Existing manufacturers engaged with the program and institutions of Higher Learning	6000.300500X000:9 803.090000X000	
5.1 Manage agency assets to achieve agency goals and objectives State Objective: Public Infrastructure and Economic Development															
5.1.1	% of end of year state, earmarked, and restricted funds cash balance committed or obligated to future projects		100%	95%	98%	Percent	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Active obligations	SCEIS	Internal Files	The stakeholder need most satisfied by this measure is to determine the utilization of agency resources	Citizens of the State and State leadership	0200.050000.000	

# FY2026

## Strategic Plan Development

as submitted for the Accountability Report by:

**P320 - DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

- Goal 1** Attract capital investment and job creation throughout South Carolina
- Goal 2** Build on the strengths of the state's existing, small, and emerging industries
- Goal 3** Increase the knowledge and available infrastructure in South Carolina through workforce and community development
- Goal 4** Serve as the connection for the business and education communities in order to prepare the workforce to meet industry demands
- Goal 5** Manage agency assets to achieve agency goals and objectives
- Goal 6** Build on the strengths of South Carolina's emerging energy industry to accelerate innovation, attract investment, and strengthen national energy resilience.

Perf. Measure Number	Description	Base	Target	Value Type	Desired Outcome	Time Applicable	Calculation Method	Data Source	Data Location	Stakeholder Need Satisfied	Primary Stakeholder	State Funded Program Number Responsible	Notes
<b>1.1 Implement a targeted marketing strategy to promote new investment and job creation</b>										<b>State Objective: Public Infrastructure and Economic Development</b>			
1.1.1	Meet or Exceed capital investment goal established by agency	\$8,971,000,000.00	\$9,000,000,000.00	Dollar Amount	equal to or greater than	Calendar Year	Calculated from commitment letters from companies	Customer Relation Management System	Customer Relationship Management Software	Ability to assess the effectiveness of the agency in recruiting capital investment into South Carolina	Taxpayer, Site Selector, prospective company and anyone looking to compare South Carolina to other states	0200.010000.000; 6000.100100.000;6000.120100.000;6000.120200X000;6000.150115X000;6001.010100.000;6001.011000X000;6001.050100.000;6001.150100.000;9804.140000X000	
1.1.2	Meet or Exceed jobs recruited goal established by agency	7,497	7,600	Count	equal to or greater than	Calendar Year	Calculated from commitment letters from companies	Customer Relation Management System	Customer Relationship Management Software	Ability to assess the effectiveness of the agency in recruiting job creation into South Carolina	Taxpayer, Site Selector, prospective company and anyone looking to compare South Carolina to other states	0200.010000.000; 6000.100100.000;6000.120100.000;6000.120200X000;6000.150115X000;6001.010100.000;6001.011000X000;6001.050100.000;6001.150100.000;9804.140000X000	
1.1.3	South Carolina's ranking of the most business- friendly state in the U.S.	2	3	Rank	equal to or less than	Calendar Year	Area Development Magazine	Area Development Magazine	Area Development Magazine	Evaluation of business-friendly climate of the South Carolina	Taxpayer, Site Selector, prospective company and anyone looking to compare South Carolina to other states	ALL programs	



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1.1.4	South Carolina's ranking among the states in Foreign Direct Investment jobs as a percentage of total employment	12		8 Rank	equal to or less than	Calendar Year	Global Business	Bureau of Economic Analysis. U.S. Department of Commerce. New Foreign Direct Investment in the United States, 2023.	https://www.bea.gov/sites/default/files/2024-07/fdi0724_0.xlsx (Table 6.2_2023)	Ability to assess the effectiveness of the agency in recruiting foreign- owned businesses	Taxpayer, Site Selector, prospective company and anyone looking to compare South Carolina to other states	0200.010000.000; 6000.100100.000;6000.120100.000;6000.120200X000;6000.150115X000;6001.010100.000;6001.011000X000;6001.050100.000;6001.150100.000;9804.140000X000	
1.1.5	First-time visitors to SC Commerce website - 5% increase	321,300	337,365	Percent	Equal to or greater than	Calendar year	Website Metrics	Website Analytics	Internal Files	Ability to assess the effectiveness of the agency's marketing efforts	Taxpayer, Site Selector, prospective company and anyone looking to compare South Carolina to other states	6000.120100.000; 6000.120200X000	
1.1.6	Followers on LinkedIn - 10% increase	30,370	33,407	Percent	Equal to or greater than	Calendar year	LinkedIn metrics	LinkedIn	Internal Files	Ability to assess the effectiveness of the agency's marketing efforts	Taxpayer, Site Selector, prospective company and anyone looking to compare South Carolina to other states	6000.120100.000; 6000.120200X000	
<b>1.2 Increase Emphasis on recruiting jobs to rural communities of SC</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>State Objective: Public Infrastructure and Economic Development</b></span>													
1.2.1	Meet or Exceed goal established by agency for jobs recruited in rural areas of SC.	1,632	2,500	Count	greater than	Calendar Year	Credit purposes	System	Software	Ability to assess the effectiveness of the agency in recruiting to rural communities	Tier III and Tier IV Counties	0200.010000.000; 6000.100100.000;6000.120100.000;6000.120200X000;6000.150115X000;6001.010100.000;6001.011000X000;6001.050100.000;6001.150100.000;9804.140000X000	
1.2.2	Meet or Exceed % of jobs recruited in rural areas of SC as compared to % of labor pool residing in rural counties.	22%	20%	Percent	greater than	Calendar Year	Rural Counties defined by the SCDOR.	Commerce Announcements Data Bureau of Labor Statistics QCEW	https://www.bea.gov/sites/default/files/2024-07/fdi0724_0.xlsx (Table 6.2_2023)  https://data.bls.gov/cew/apps/table_maker/v4/table_maker.htm#type=0&year=2023&qtr=A&own=5&ind=10&supp=0	Ability to assess the effectiveness of the agency in recruiting to rural communities	Tier III and Tier IV Counties	0200.010000.000; 6000.100100.000;6000.120100.000;6000.120200X000;6000.150115X000;6001.010100.000;6001.011000X000;6001.050100.000;6001.150100.000;9804.140000X000	

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<b>2.1 Build on the strengths of the state's existing industries</b>				<b>State Objective: Public Infrastructure and Economic Development</b>									
2.1.1	Engage with existing businesses to provide focused export advisement	130	120	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Actual Companies	Customer Relation Management System	Customer Relationship Management Software	Understanding of export regulations, compliance requirements, overseas market sale opportunities, resources and funding available for export-related activities.	South Carolina existing businesses, primarily small-to-medium size, already exporting or with an export-ready product - service.	6001.050100.000	
2.1.2	South Carolina's ranking of states in exports per capita	9	10	Rank	equal to or less than	Calendar Year	Statistic provided by US Department of Commerce	U.S. Census Bureau. 2023 USA Trade. State Population Estimates (NST-EST2023-POP)	<a href="https://usatrade.census.gov/">https://usatrade.census.gov/</a> <a href="https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/tables/2020-2023/state/totals/NST-EST2023-POP.xlsx">https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/tables/2020-2023/state/totals/NST-EST2023-POP.xlsx</a>	The stakeholder need most satisfied by this measure is to assist South Carolina businesses to sell products and services internationally.	South Carolina Existing Industry, Economic Developers and Economic Development Partners.	6001.050100.000	
2.1.3	Number of companies visited as a result of the agency Existing Industry Visitation Program	481	450	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Number of visits	Customer Relation Management System	Customer Relationship Management Software	The stakeholder need most satisfied by this measure is assistance with cost avoidance, layoff aversion, increased sales, global competitiveness, pivoting production and achieving greater operational success	Existing manufacturers in SC, primary target is small to mid-size firms with 100 employees or less.	6001.050100.000;6000.120300X000	
2.1.4	Calls addressed by agency concerning recycling industry inquiries	147	150	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Number of inquiries	Customer Relation Management System	Customer Relationship Management Software	Waste reduction, advance circular economy, support the state's recycling industry, may reduce disposal cost	Primarily existing manufacturers in SC and manufacturers/pr ospects interested in coming to SC. Calls may also include residents, and other entities looking for recycling assistance	6001.050100.000	
<b>2.2 Build on the strengths of the state's small businesses</b>				<b>State Objective: Public Infrastructure and Economic Development</b>									

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2.2.1	Number of resources and connections provided to entrepreneurs, small and innovation-driven businesses.	332	300	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Number of inquiries	Customer Relation Management System	Customer Relationship Management System (CRM) and Shared Drive	The stakeholder need most satisfied by this measure is assistance in locating small business support which includes financial resources, technical assistance, and connections to free business consultations to help start and grow their business.	South Carolina small and medium-sized existing companies, new entrepreneurs, and business startups.	6001.050100.000	
2.2.2	Host existing industry events for local suppliers and service providers to connect them with opportunities with state OEM's/Tier 1's	700	600	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Actual attendees	Attendance records of training	Customer Relationship Management Software	The stakeholder need most satisfied by this measure is assistance with supplier needs current and ongoing and to help grow businesses, gain exposure, and nurture business relationships and/or partnerships.	South Carolina companies large and small, new or existing.	6001.050100.000	
2.3 Build on the strengths of the state's innovative and emerging industries													
State Objective: Public Infrastructure and Economic Development													
2.3.1	Number of ecosystem barriers identified with proposed solutions.	30	15	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Number of events	Office Records	Internal Files	Create opportunities for the innovation community to connect with one another.	South Carolina's innovation community comprises a diverse stakeholder base including but not limited to: ecosystem builders, community leaders, economic developers, corporate, research institutions, small business owners, angel investors, venture capitalists, etc.	6000.350000.000; 6001.350500X000; 9806.720000X000	
2.3.2	Number of new applications initiated under the 3Phase program	86	30	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Actual companies	Grantees	Program Database	Increasing access to the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) grants program	Small business owners, early stage-founders, university spinouts	6000.350000.000; 6001.350500X000; 9806.720000X000	
3.1 Work with local leaders to develop economic development “product,” such as speculative buildings, industrial sites and parks to ensure that communities have available properties for investors and job creators													
State Objective: Public Infrastructure and Economic Development													

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3.1.1	Add quality sites to revised building and sites database (LocateSC)		340	250	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Number of actual sites on LocateSC	LocateSC	LocateSC Database	Ability to find suitable sites in South Carolina where a business or industry may be located	Business owner, Site Selector, Economic Development officials and real estate agents	6001.011500X000; 9806.320000X000	
3.1.2	Add quality buildings to revised building and sites database (LocateSC)		300	250	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Number of industrial buildings on LocateSC	LocateSC	LocateSC Database	Ability to find suitable buildings in South Carolina where a business or industry may be located	Business owner, Site Selector, Economic Development officials and real estate agents	6001.011500X000; 9806.320000X000	
3.2 Improve infrastructure of South Carolina Lower-Moderate Income (LMI) communities by making a suitable living environment more widely available. State Objective: Public Infrastructure and Economic Development														
3.2.1	Number of predominantly LMI communities that received CDBG funding for new or improved infrastructure, facilities or services		11	8	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Actual grantees	Grantees	Customer Relationship Management Software	Funding for community needs	Local governments	6001.150500.000	
3.2.2	Number of predominantly LMI communities that received CDBG funding to preserve neighborhoods through revitalization, development or elimination of blight		15	15	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Actual grantees	Grantees	Customer Relationship Management Software	Funding for planning to assist in identifying and developing projects	Local governments	6001.150500.000	
3.3 Provide timely, relevant, and up-to-date economic development training for local leadership and practitioners. State Objective: Public Infrastructure and Economic Development														
3.3.1	Meet or exceed the goal established by agency for number of attendees participating in agency sponsored training opportunities		294	300	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Actual attendees to virtual meetings	Attendance records of training	Internal Files	Improve knowledge of professional economic developers and community leaders involved in economic development to help individuals develop their communities.	Professional economic developers, local (county and city) elected officials, economic development allies and various community leaders.	6000.100100.000	
3.3.2	Economic development training provided by agency meeting the needs of attendees		4.8	4.5	Rank	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Current value, based on 5 point scale with 5 being the highest score. Average score per training class added together then divided by numbers of classes offered by agency.	Evaluations completed by attendees of training	Internal Files	Improve knowledge of professional economic developers and community leaders involved in economic development to help individuals develop their communities.	Professional economic developers, local (county and city) elected officials, economic development allies and various community leaders.	6000.100100.000	
4.1 Facilitate Applied Research by partnering SC institutes of Higher Education with Companies and Partners to collaborate and find solutions to real-time business conditions State Objective: Public Infrastructure and Economic Development														

Perf. Measure Number	Description	Base	Target	Value Type	Desired Outcome	Time Applicable	Calculation Method	Data Source	Data Location	Stakeholder Need Satisfied	Primary Stakeholder	State Funded Program Number Responsible	Notes
4.1.1	Numbers of Partners/Companies involved in grants funded in the current year with Applied Research Fund Dollars	15	15	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Actual grantees	Grantees	Internal Files	Collaboration between Institutions of Higher Learning and Existing Manufacturers in South Carolina	South Carolina Existing manufacturers engaged with the program and institutions of Higher Learning	6000.300500X000 9803.090000X000	
5.1 Manage agency assets to achieve agency goals and objectives State Objective: Public Infrastructure and Economic Development													
5.1.1	% of end of year state, earmarked, and restricted funds cash balance committed or obligated to future projects	98.48%	95%	Percent	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Active obligations	SCEIS	Internal Files	The stakeholder need most satisfied by this measure is to determine the utilization of agency resources	Citizens of the State and State leadership	0200.050000.000	
6.1 Manage agency and SC NEXUS affiliated research assets to achieve agency goals and objectives State Objective: Public Infrastructure and Economic Development													
6.1.1	Feature at conferences, forums, and in digital media to showcase South Carolina's leadership in advanced energy and raise national visibility.	0	20	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Actual conferences, forums and digital media	Internal Files	Internal Files	Improve knowledge of professional economic developers, industry leaders and community leaders involved in economic development to help individuals develop their communities.	SC NEXUS is powered by a broad innovation community that includes CORE, the Principal Advisory Council, and Consortium members—bringing together ecosystem builders, community leaders, economic developers, corporations, research institutions, energy industry companies, and investors across South Carolina	6000.380000.000	
6.1.2	Engage with partners and industry leaders through collaboration sessions to strengthen relationships and drive joint initiatives.	0	85	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Actual meetings with partners and industry	Internal Files	Internal Files	Improve knowledge of professional economic developers, industry leaders and community leaders involved in economic development to help individuals develop their communities.	SC NEXUS is powered by a broad innovation community that includes CORE, the Principal Advisory Council, and Consortium members—bringing together ecosystem builders, community leaders, economic developers, corporations, research institutions, energy industry companies, and investors across South Carolina	6000.380000.000	

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6.1.3	Host educational forums across the state to build awareness of projects and encourage community and business participation.		0	4	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Actual number of forums hosted	Internal Files	Internal Files	Improve knowledge of professional economic developers, industry leaders and community leaders involved in economic development to help individuals develop their communities.	SC NEXUS is powered by a broad innovation community that includes CORE, the Principal Advisory Council, and Consortium members—bringing together ecosystem builders, community leaders, economic developers, corporations, research institutions, energy industry companies, and investors across South Carolina	6000.380000.000	
6.1.4	Meet with prospective companies to expand South Carolina’s advanced energy ecosystem to attract new investment and drive connectivity to research and development assets		0	25	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Actual number of meetings with prospects	Internal Files	Internal Files	Improve knowledge of professional economic developers, industry leaders and community leaders involved in economic development to help individuals develop their communities.	SC NEXUS is powered by a broad innovation community that includes CORE, the Principal Advisory Council, and Consortium members—bringing together ecosystem builders, community leaders, economic developers, corporations, research institutions, energy industry companies, and investors across South Carolina	6000.380000.000	
6.1.5	Refer qualified projects to Global Business Development to align opportunities with the state’s recruitment and expansion strategy.		0	5	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Number of projects referred	Internal Files	Internal Files	Improve knowledge of professional economic developers, industry leaders and community leaders involved in economic development to help individuals develop their communities.	SC NEXUS is powered by a broad innovation community that includes CORE, the Principal Advisory Council, and Consortium members—bringing together ecosystem builders, community leaders, economic developers, corporations, research institutions, energy industry companies, and investors across South Carolina	6000.380000.000	

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6.1.6	Secure stopgap funding to sustain CIBI, GECCO, EDGE, and the EWC, ensuring continuity of critical testbeds and workforce programs.		0 \$2m	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Funding secured	Internal Files	Internal Files	Improve knowledge of professional economic developers, industry leaders and community leaders involved in economic development to help individuals develop their communities.	SC NEXUS is powered by a broad innovation community that includes CORE, the Principal Advisory Council, and Consortium members—bringing together ecosystem builders, community leaders, economic developers, corporations, research institutions, energy industry companies, and investors across South Carolina	6000.380000.000	
6.1.7	Designate funding to support entrepreneurship initiatives through ciX, fostering innovation and speeding technology commercialization.		0 \$0.7m	Count	Equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Active obligations	SCEIS/Internal Files	Internal Files	Improve knowledge of professional economic developers, industry leaders and community leaders involved in economic development to help individuals develop their communities.	SC NEXUS is powered by a broad innovation community that includes CORE, the Principal Advisory Council, and Consortium members—bringing together ecosystem builders, community leaders, economic developers, corporations, research institutions, energy industry companies, and investors across South Carolina	6000.380000.000	



# 2025

## Budget Data

as submitted for the Accountability Report by:

P320 - DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

State Funded Program No.	State Funded Program Title	Description of State Funded Program	(Actual) General	(Actual) Other	(Actual) Federal	(Actual) Total	(Projected) General	(Projected) Other	(Projected) Federal	(Projected) Total
0200.010000.000	Office Of Secretary	Executive management of the agency	\$ 1,259,823.16	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,259,823.16	\$ 1,239,754.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,239,754.00
0200.050000.000	Financial Services	Finance, budget and human resources services for the agency	\$ 1,183,949.88	\$ 261,772.67	\$ -	\$ 1,445,722.55	\$ 1,444,691.00	\$ 175,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,619,691.00
0200.500000.000	Information Technology	Information technology functions for the agency	\$ 389,196.58	\$ 186,991.07	\$ -	\$ 576,187.65	\$ 411,425.00	\$ 180,000.00	\$ -	\$ 591,425.00
6000.010900X000	Public-Private Partnerships	Public-Private Partnerships that the agency has agreements with to perform certain services	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00
6000.052000X000	Council on Competitiveness	Direct Appropriation provided by the General Assembly for the South Carolina Council on Competitiveness	\$ 250,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 250,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250,000.00
6000.052500X000	SC Small Business Development Centers	Direct Appropriation provided by the General Assembly for the South Carolina Small Business Development Centers	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000.00
6000.100100.000	Community & Rural Development	To assist local leaders in achieving success for their communities through product development, asset development and leadership and community investment.	\$ -	\$ 343,525.55	\$ -	\$ 343,525.55	\$ -	\$ 353,737.00	\$ -	\$ 353,737.00
6000.120100.000	Mktg, Communications & Research	To develop marketing strategies utilizing the State's brand in recruiting industry and attracting investments to the State. To provide real-time, accurate data, information, and research to support the mission of the agency in recruiting industry and attracting investments to the State.	\$ 1,705,517.39	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,705,517.39	\$ 2,007,481.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,007,481.00
6000.120200X000	Business Development & Marketing	Marketing strategies utilizing the State's brand in recruiting industry and attracting investments to the State.	\$ 431,165.87	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 431,165.87	\$ 930,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 930,000.00

State Funded Program No.	State Funded Program Title	Description of State Funded Program	(Actual) General	(Actual) Other	(Actual) Federal	(Actual) Total	(Projected) General	(Projected) Other	(Projected) Federal	(Projected) Total
6000.120300X000	SC Manufacturing Extension Partnership	Direct Appropriation provided by the General Assembly for the South Carolina Manufacturing Extension Partnership	\$ 1,782,049.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,782,049.00	\$ 1,782,049.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,782,049.00
6000.150115X000	Closing Fund	To assist with economic development projects that will represent new jobs and capital investment in the state, either as a result of new business locations or existing business retention and expansion.	\$ 2,475,235.68	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,475,235.68	\$ 21,300,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,300,000.00
6000.300500X000	Applied Research Centers	Collaborative Program related to industry cluster research needs and higher institutions capabilities	\$ 2,928,201.89	\$ 165,445.67	\$ -	\$ 3,093,647.56	\$ 2,500,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500,000.00
6000.350000.000	Innovation/Emerging Industries	To support the growth of the state's high-tech and high-growth industry under the goals of the SC Innovation Plan.	\$ 221,307.20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 221,307.20	\$ 251,025.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 251,025.00
6001.010100.000	Global Business Development	To recruit new and existing expansions and locations; to increase the capital investment and number of jobs in South Carolina.	\$ 2,062,142.99	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,062,142.99	\$ 2,337,055.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,337,055.00
6000.012500X000	FOREIGN OPERATIONS	To fund Commerce's foreign operations - offices, contractors, etc.	\$ 3,185,057.99				\$ 3,500,000.00			\$ 3,500,000.00
6001.011000X000	Local Economic Development Alliances	Direct Appropriation provided by the General Assembly for the Local Economic Development Alliances of South Carolina	\$ 5,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000,000.00	\$ 5,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000,000.00
6001.011500X000	LocateSC	To assist local governments in achieving success for their communities through product development.	\$ 3,296,828.59	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,296,828.59	\$ 11,500,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,500,000.00
6001.050100.000	Small Business/Existing Industry	To help South Carolina companies both large and small achieve peak performance by bringing together professionals who offer a wealth of experience in key areas to offer a dynamic approach that helps businesses and communities prosper.	\$ 1,989,743.30	\$ 251,679.16	\$ 263,214.03	\$ 2,504,636.49	\$ 2,471,288.00	\$ -	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 2,771,288.00

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6001.150100.000	Coordinating Council for Economic Development	To assist with economic development projects that will represent new jobs and capital investment in the state, either as a result of new business locations or existing business retention and expansion.	\$ -	\$ 30,656,643.15	\$ -	\$ 30,656,643.15	\$ -	\$ 35,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ 35,000,000.00
6001.150500.000	Community Grants	To assist communities with grants for infrastructure, housing, economic development and planning.	\$ 437,253.97	\$ -	\$ 34,274,909.13	\$ 34,712,163.10	\$ 566,000.00	\$ -	\$ 35,000,000.00	\$ 35,566,000.00
6000.053000X000	Procurement Technical Assistance Program (PTAP)	Direct Appropriation provided by the General Assembly for the Procurement Technical Assistance Program	\$ 170,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 170,000.00	\$ 170,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 170,000.00
6001.350500X000	Innovation Grant Program	To support the growth of the state's high-tech and high-growth industry under the goals of the SC Innovation Plan.	\$ 1,936,577.04	\$ 127,141.10	\$ -	\$ 2,063,718.14	\$ 2,500,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500,000.00
6000.380000.000	SC Nexus	To administer and support the Nexus for Advanced Resilient Energy, the State's federally designated Tech Hub.	\$ 688,318.55	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 688,318.55	\$ 2,200,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,200,000.00
9500.050000.000	State Employer Contributions	The state funded program used to record employer contributions for the agency.	\$ 2,727,716.81	\$ 610,618.98	\$ 217,327.90	\$ 3,555,663.69	\$ 3,638,316.00	\$ 824,560.00	\$ 235,000.00	\$ 4,697,876.00
9804.140000X000	Deal Closing Fund	To assist with economic development projects that will represent new jobs and capital investment in the state, either as a result of new business locations or existing business retention and expansion.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,986,972.84	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,986,972.84
9804.870000X000	Rural School District & Economic Development Closing Fund	To assist eligible local governments in achieving success for their communities.	\$ 7,055,338.15	\$ 62,483.00	\$ -	\$ 7,117,821.15	\$ 4,434,693.60	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,434,693.60
9806.320000X000	Locate SC Site Inventory	To assist local governments in achieving success for their communities through product development.	\$ 6,873,886.18	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,873,886.18	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
9808.290000X000	Gallo Economic Development Project	Non-Recurring Funding for Gallo economic development project	\$ 150,898.21	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150,898.21	\$ 1,416,476.78	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,416,476.78

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9807.880000X000	STRATEGIC ECONOMIC D		\$ 455,876.59	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 455,876.59	\$ 40,445,016.07	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,445,016.07
9810.480000X000	JBRC - CLOSING FUND	To assist with economic development projects that will represent new jobs and capital investment in the state, either as a result of new business locations or existing business retention and expansion.	\$ 9,577,827.40	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,577,827.40	\$ 3,420,906.84	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,420,906.84
9832.070000X000	PROJECT CONNECT	Act 3 - Joint Resolution. Funding for Project Connect	\$ 231,948,608.46	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 231,948,608.46	\$ 534,570,845.90	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 534,570,845.90
9903.953400.000	P32 BRKLEY-VOLVO II	To fund Volvo Phase II	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,849,999.99	\$ -	\$ 17,849,999.99
9905.953500.000	P32 PROJ DRIFT-ED BD	ED Bond funding for Project Drift	\$ -	\$ 9,483,655.84	\$ -	\$ 9,483,655.84	\$ -	\$ 40,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ 40,000,000.00
9811.560000X000	STRATEGIC MARKETING	Non-Recurring Funding for the agency's strategic marketing efforts	\$ 236,919.88	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 236,919.88	\$ 2,590,093.82	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,590,093.82
9812.470000X000	OFFICE MODERNIZATION	Non-recurring funding received for the agency's office update and modernization	\$ 22,981.33	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,981.33	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
9814.490000X000	PLMETTO RAILWY RPYMT	Non-recurring funding received by the agency for repayment of a loan to Palmetto Rail regarding the NBIF	\$ 2,500,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
9816.260000X000	LOCATE SC	To assist local governments in achieving success for their communities through product development.	\$ 3,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
9835.130000X000	SC NEXUS	To administer and support and offer grants for the Nexus for Advanced Resilient Energy, the State's federally designated Tech Hub.	\$ 6,312,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,312,500.00	\$ 3,687,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,687,500.00
6000.150120X000	INTRA-AGY LOAN REPAY	Funding received by the agency for repayment of a loan to Palmetto Rail regarding the NBIF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000.00
9904.953600.000	P32 PROJ SAMURAI-ED	ED Bond funding for Project Samurai	\$ -	\$ 47,865,253.88	\$ -	\$ 47,865,253.88	\$ -	\$ 42,723,941.68	\$ -	\$ 42,723,941.68

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## Legal Data

as submitted for the Accountability Report by:  
**P320 - DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2025
12-10-20	State	Statute	Defines terms.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
12-10-40	State	Statute	Establishes amount of benefits available to qualified businesses.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
12-10-50	State	Statute	Outlines qualifications for business to be eligible for the program.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
12-10-60	State	Statute	Establishes parameters for revitalization agreements between qualified businesses and the CCED	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
12-10-80	State	Statute	Establishes Job Development Credits. The Job Development Credit effectively uses the personal withholding taxes of new employees for reimbursements of eligible capital expenditures (land, building, site development, pollution control equipment or infrastructure). Employees receive a credit equal to the withholding used by the company; therefore, there is no financial impact on employees.	Requires a service	Manage Enterprise Program - CCED	No Change
12-10-81	State	Statute	Establishes parameters for job development tax credits for qualifying industries.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change

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12-10-82	State	Statute	Establishes parameters for irrevocable assignments for future payments.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
12-10-85	State	Statute	Outlines purpose, use, and administration of the State Rural Infrastructure Fund.	Requires a service	Manage Rural Infrastructure Fund	No Change
12-10-95	State	Statute	Establishes retraining credit.	Not related to agency deliverable.		No Change
12-10-10	State	Statute	Creates the Enterprise Zone Act of 1995.	Not related to agency deliverable	Not Related to agency deliverable	No Change
12-28-2910	State	Statute	Establishes the Set Aside Fund for use by the CCED	Not related to agency deliverable	Funding agency deliverable(s)	No Change
12-6-3375	State	Statute	Establishes that the CCED approves applications for qualifying businesses to receive the International Trade Incentive or Port Credit.	Requires a service	Port Credit - CCED	No Change
12-6-3410	State	Statute	Establishes headquarters credit.	Not related to agency deliverable.		No Change
12-6-3460	State	Statute	Establishes recycling facility credit.	Not related to agency deliverable.		No Change
12-21-6540	State	Statute	Requires Commerce to manage the Tourism Infrastructure Fund.	Requires a service	Manage Tourism Infrastructure Fund	No Change

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11-37-200	State	Statute	Establishes the Water Resources Coordinating Council and names the Secretary of Commerce or his or her designee to the Council.	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve	Water Resources Coordinating Council.	No Change
11-41-70	State	Statute	Requires Commerce to manage the economic development bond funding.	Requires a service	Manage ED bond funding.	No Change
11-45-40	State	Statute	Establishes the Venture Capital Authority (VCA) as an agency within Commerce to identify and select qualified professional investors who will invest in South Carolina companies.	Requires a service	Manage Venture Capital Authority	No Change
11-50-50	State	Statute	Establishes the Board of Directors for the Rural Infrastructure Authority ("RIA"), and names the Secretary of Commerce as chairman.	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve	Rural Infrastructure Authority board.	No Change
11-50-65	State	Statute	Establishes that the DOC will provide administrative support to the State Rural Infrastructure Authority or any of its divisions.	Requires a service	Shared Resources	No Change



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11-56-100	State	Statute	Requires Commerce to administer the Microenterprise Partnership Program to coordinate and facilitate microlending and microenterprises within the state.	Requires a service	Community Development Organizations-Microenterprise Program	No Change
11-56-40	State	Statute	Establishes the Microenterprise Partnership Program, under Commerce, to coordinate and facilitate microlending and microenterprises within the state.	Requires a service	Community Development Organizations-Microenterprise Program	No Change
1-23-280	State	Statute	Establishes the Small Business Regulatory Review Committee, and directs that it be staffed and administered by SCDOC.	Requires a service	Small Business Regulatory Review Committee	No Change
13-1-10	State	Statute	Establishes DOC as an agency to be comprised of various divisions, such divisions to have the functions and powers as provided for by law.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
13-1-1310	State	Statute	Establishes the Division of Public Railways as a lump sum agency of DOC and all of its powers, functions and duties, including the power to issue revenue bonds and extend rail operations subject to approval of the SFAA.	Requires a service	Public Rail services	No Change
13-1-1320	State	Statute	Establishes definitions for Division of Public Railways	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change

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13-1-1330	State	Statute	Establishes the powers and duties of Director of division.	Requires a service	Public Rail services	No Change
13-1-1340	State	Statute	Transfers certain common carrier switching operations to division	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
13-1-1350	State	Statute	Establishes power of Director to extend division's operations.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
13-1-1355	State	Statute	Establishes approval requirements for transfer of certain railroad equipment	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
13-1-1360	State	Statute	Establishes that bonds of division to be limited obligations.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
13-1-1370	State	Statute	Bonds to be secured by pledge of division revenues.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
13-1-1380	State	Statute	Establishes contract terms for construction and equipment.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
13-1-1390	State	Statute	Establishes required steps prior to acquisition of railroads and equipment.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
13-1-1400	State	Statute	Establishes the power of Director over disbursement of bond proceeds.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
13-1-1410	State	Statute	Requires the financial records of additional acquisitions to be kept separately.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change

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13-1-1420	State	Statute	Application of proceeds from sale of bonds.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
13-1-1430	State	Statute	Establishes requirements necessary to refunding of bonds.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
13-1-1440	State	Statute	Bonds to be lawful investments.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
13-1-1450	State	Statute	Bonds, revenue, and property of division to be tax exempt.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
13-1-1460	State	Statute	Approval of State Fiscal Accountability Authority as prerequisite to issuance of bonds; procedure.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
13-1-1470	State	Statute	Director not subject to other limitations	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
13-1-1480	State	Statute	Division to hold title to assets and account for revenues; funds to be held in separate accounts.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
13-1-1710	State	Statute	Creates the Coordinating Council for Economic Development with the Secretary of Commerce as Chair and the heads of ten other agencies as members.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change

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13-1-1720	State	Statute	Establishes the purposes and duties of the Council.	Requires a service	Establish CCED	No Change
13-1-1730	State	Statute	Establishes annual reporting requirement.	Requires a service	Annual reporting requirements	No Change
13-1-1740	State	Statute	Council to make recommendations to Governor, General Assembly, and Budget & Control Board as to economic development programs, policies, and appropriations.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
13-1-1750	State	Statute	Council to be funded by members agencies (proviso allows Council administration to be funded from programmatic funds); Council make establish technical advisory committees and shall use data available from DOT, universities, and other agencies relevant to economic development and growth in SC.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
13-1-1760	State	Statute	Council shall not infringe on authority of members agencies.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change

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13-1-20	State	Statute	Establishes purpose of DOC to conduct statewide program to stimulate economic activity, manage business affairs of Savannah Valley Development Division, develop, public railways system, and enhance economic growth via strategic planning and coordination.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
13-1-25	State	Statute	Clarifies that all funds use by DOC regardless of source are public monies for all purposes; establishes reporting requirements for each fund during previous calendar year; provides exemption for expenditures for ongoing negotiations with industry or business until next calendar year.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
13-1-30	State	Statute	Establishes Secretary to be appointed by Governor and confirmed by Senate and who shall have authority to appoint an executive director and directors of each division of agency, all to serve at the pleasure of the secretary.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
13-1-310	State	Statute	Establishes Division of Development from former State Development Board; provides for powers and duties, among other things. (This Division encompasses the primary economic development mission of DOC.)	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
13-1-320	State	Statute	Establishes objectives of the Division of State Development	Requires a service	Economic Development	No Change

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13-1-330	State	Statute	Establishes bureaus within the Division of State Development	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
13-1-340	State	Statute	Establishes Director of Division of State Development duties, powers and responsibilities.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
13-1-350	State	Statute	Establishes Director of Division of State Development duties related to former boards and commissions	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
13-1-360	State	Statute	Confidentiality of information	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
13-1-380	State	Statute	Establishes the Recycling Development Advisory Council and its functions.	Requires a service	Establish RDMAC	No Change
13-1-40	State	Statute	Establishes the Secretary's authority to appoint advisory councils.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
13-1-45	State	Statute	Establishes SC Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Fund and criteria for funds implementation. Program funded from Tobacco Settlement Proceeds and has been completed.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
13-1-50	State	Statute	Establishes annual audit of DOC.	Requires a service	Report our agency must/may provide	No Change

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13-1-610	State	Statute	Establishes the Division of Savannah Valley Development and all of its powers, functions, and duties. NOTE: All assets of the Savannah Valley Division were transferred to DNR and other local entities after approval by the Budget and Control Board. Division remains in existence because it is the legal obligor on a note with the STO regarding Savannah Lakes Village, which is being paid from homeowner fees/taxes. This Note was paid off in January of 2016.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
13-1-620	State	Statute	Establishes the Division of Savannah Valley Development and all of its powers, functions, and duties. NOTE: All assets of the Savannah Valley Division were transferred to DNR and other local entities after approval by the Budget and Control Board. Division remains in existence because it is the legal obligor on a note with the STO regarding Savannah Lakes Village, which is being paid from homeowner fees/taxes. This Note was paid off in January of 2016.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change

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13-1-630	State	Statute	Establishes the Division of Savannah Valley Development and all of its powers, functions, and duties. NOTE: All assets of the Savannah Valley Division were transferred to DNR and other local entities after approval by the Budget and Control Board. Division remains in existence because it is the legal obligor on a note with the STO regarding Savannah Lakes Village, which is being paid from homeowner fees/taxes. This Note was paid off in January of 2016.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
13-1-640	State	Statute	Establishes the Division of Savannah Valley Development and all of its powers, functions, and duties. NOTE: All assets of the Savannah Valley Division were transferred to DNR and other local entities after approval by the Budget and Control Board. Division remains in existence because it is the legal obligor on a note with the STO regarding Savannah Lakes Village, which is being paid from homeowner fees/taxes. This Note was paid off in January of 2016.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change



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13-1-650	State	Statute	Establishes the Division of Savannah Valley Development and all of its powers, functions, and duties. NOTE: All assets of the Savannah Valley Division were transferred to DNR and other local entities after approval by the Budget and Control Board. Division remains in existence because it is the legal obligor on a note with the STO regarding Savannah Lakes Village, which is being paid from homeowner fees/taxes. This Note was paid off in January of 2016.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
13-1-660	State	Statute	Establishes the Division of Savannah Valley Development and all of its powers, functions, and duties. NOTE: All assets of the Savannah Valley Division were transferred to DNR and other local entities after approval by the Budget and Control Board. Division remains in existence because it is the legal obligor on a note with the STO regarding Savannah Lakes Village, which is being paid from homeowner fees/taxes. This Note was paid off in January of 2016.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change

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13-1-670	State	Statute	Establishes the Division of Savannah Valley Development and all of its powers, functions, and duties. NOTE: All assets of the Savannah Valley Division were transferred to DNR and other local entities after approval by the Budget and Control Board. Division remains in existence because it is the legal obligor on a note with the STO regarding Savannah Lakes Village, which is being paid from homeowner fees/taxes. This Note was paid off in January of 2016.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
13-1-680	State	Statute	Establishes the Division of Savannah Valley Development and all of its powers, functions, and duties. NOTE: All assets of the Savannah Valley Division were transferred to DNR and other local entities after approval by the Budget and Control Board. Division remains in existence because it is the legal obligor on a note with the STO regarding Savannah Lakes Village, which is being paid from homeowner fees/taxes. This Note was paid off in January of 2016.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change

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13-1-690	State	Statute	Establishes the Division of Savannah Valley Development and all of its powers, functions, and duties. NOTE: All assets of the Savannah Valley Division were transferred to DNR and other local entities after approval by the Budget and Control Board. Division remains in existence because it is the legal obligor on a note with the STO regarding Savannah Lakes Village, which is being paid from homeowner fees/taxes. This Note was paid off in January of 2016.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
13-1-700	State	Statute	Establishes the Division of Savannah Valley Development and all of its powers, functions, and duties. NOTE: All assets of the Savannah Valley Division were transferred to DNR and other local entities after approval by the Budget and Control Board. Division remains in existence because it is the legal obligor on a note with the STO regarding Savannah Lakes Village, which is being paid from homeowner fees/taxes. This Note was paid off in January of 2016.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change

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13-1-710	State	Statute	Establishes the Division of Savannah Valley Development and all of its powers, functions, and duties. NOTE: All assets of the Savannah Valley Division were transferred to DNR and other local entities after approval by the Budget and Control Board. Division remains in existence because it is the legal obligor on a note with the STO regarding Savannah Lakes Village, which is being paid from homeowner fees/taxes. This Note was paid off in January of 2016.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
13-1-720	State	Statute	Establishes the Division of Savannah Valley Development and all of its powers, functions, and duties. NOTE: All assets of the Savannah Valley Division were transferred to DNR and other local entities after approval by the Budget and Control Board. Division remains in existence because it is the legal obligor on a note with the STO regarding Savannah Lakes Village, which is being paid from homeowner fees/taxes. This Note was paid off in January of 2016.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change

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13-1-730	State	Statute	Establishes the Division of Savannah Valley Development and all of its powers, functions, and duties. NOTE: All assets of the Savannah Valley Division were transferred to DNR and other local entities after approval by the Budget and Control Board. Division remains in existence because it is the legal obligor on a note with the STO regarding Savannah Lakes Village, which is being paid from homeowner fees/taxes. This Note was paid off in January of 2016.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
13-1-740	State	Statute	Establishes the Division of Savannah Valley Development and all of its powers, functions, and duties. NOTE: All assets of the Savannah Valley Division were transferred to DNR and other local entities after approval by the Budget and Control Board. Division remains in existence because it is the legal obligor on a note with the STO regarding Savannah Lakes Village, which is being paid from homeowner fees/taxes. This Note was paid off in January of 2016.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change

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13-1-750	State	Statute	Establishes the Division of Savannah Valley Development and all of its powers, functions, and duties. NOTE: All assets of the Savannah Valley Division were transferred to DNR and other local entities after approval by the Budget and Control Board. Division remains in existence because it is the legal obligor on a note with the STO regarding Savannah Lakes Village, which is being paid from homeowner fees/taxes. This Note was paid off in January of 2016.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
13-1-760	State	Statute	Establishes the Division of Savannah Valley Development and all of its powers, functions, and duties. NOTE: All assets of the Savannah Valley Division were transferred to DNR and other local entities after approval by the Budget and Control Board. Division remains in existence because it is the legal obligor on a note with the STO regarding Savannah Lakes Village, which is being paid from homeowner fees/taxes. This Note was paid off in January of 2016.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change

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13-1-770	State	Statute	Establishes the Division of Savannah Valley Development and all of its powers, functions, and duties. NOTE: All assets of the Savannah Valley Division were transferred to DNR and other local entities after approval by the Budget and Control Board. Division remains in existence because it is the legal obligor on a note with the STO regarding Savannah Lakes Village, which is being paid from homeowner fees/taxes. This Note was paid off in January of 2016.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
13-1-780	State	Statute	Establishes the Division of Savannah Valley Development and all of its powers, functions, and duties. NOTE: All assets of the Savannah Valley Division were transferred to DNR and other local entities after approval by the Budget and Control Board. Division remains in existence because it is the legal obligor on a note with the STO regarding Savannah Lakes Village, which is being paid from homeowner fees/taxes. This Note was paid off in January of 2016.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2025
13-1-790	State	Statute	Establishes the Division of Savannah Valley Development and all of its powers, functions, and duties. NOTE: All assets of the Savannah Valley Division were transferred to DNR and other local entities after approval by the Budget and Control Board. Division remains in existence because it is the legal obligor on a note with the STO regarding Savannah Lakes Village, which is being paid from homeowner fees/taxes. This Note was paid off in January of 2016.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
13-1-800	State	Statute	Establishes the Division of Savannah Valley Development and all of its powers, functions, and duties. NOTE: All assets of the Savannah Valley Division were transferred to DNR and other local entities after approval by the Budget and Control Board. Division remains in existence because it is the legal obligor on a note with the STO regarding Savannah Lakes Village, which is being paid from homeowner fees/taxes. This Note was paid off in January of 2016.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change



Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2025
13-1-810	State	Statute	Establishes the Division of Savannah Valley Development and all of its powers, functions, and duties. NOTE: All assets of the Savannah Valley Division were transferred to DNR and other local entities after approval by the Budget and Control Board. Division remains in existence because it is the legal obligor on a note with the STO regarding Savannah Lakes Village, which is being paid from homeowner fees/taxes. This Note was paid off in January of 2016.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
13-7-20	State	Statute	Establishes the promotion and development of atomic energy as a division of the Department of Commerce. Commerce does not currently engage in this activity.	Requires a service		No Change
24-1-290	State	Statute	Requires Commerce to certify that prison industries do not create an unfair competitive wage disadvantage to the local economy. SC Department of Corrections recently acknowledged the program is working well and does not require Commerce's involvement.	Requires a service	Certification of that prison programs do not create an unfair competitive wage with local economies.	No Change
31-1-30	State	Statute	Requires the Secretary of Commerce and the Department to carry out various duties and responsibilities related to Housing. This is likely more appropriately handled by a different agency.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2025
34-43-30	State	Statute	Outlines Commerce's duties and responsibilities to certify and distribute funds to community development corporations and community development financial institutions. Commerce administers grants and loans and provide technical support. Commerce must report on these grants and loans annually.	Requires a service	Community Development Organizations	No Change
34-43-40	State	Statute	Establishes provisions for applications for certification of entities as a community development corporation and community development financial institutions, and reporting requirements.	Requires a service	Community Development Organizations	No Change
34-43-50	State	Statute	Outlines parameters for grants and loans to qualifying community development corporations and community development financial institutions.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
38-75-470	State	Statute	Establishes the S.C. Department of Insurance Advisory Committee, and names a representative from the Department of Commerce as a member.	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve	S.C. Department of Insurance Advisory Committee.	No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2025
39-79-100	State	Statute	Establishes South Carolina-Ireland Trade Commission and requires agency to fund administration.	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve	Requires that all funds received by Commission be allocated and appropriated to agency to defray costs of administration. Allows agency to use funds appropriated for Foreign Operations to fund administration.	No Change
40 USC 14301	Federal	Statute	Creates the Appalachian Regional Commission, of which South Carolina is a part.	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve	Appalachian Regional Commission	No Change
41-43-40	State	Statute	Establishes the board of directors for the South Carolina Jobs-Economic Development Authority, and names the Secretary of Commerce (formerly the Chairman of the State Development Board) as an ex-officio member.	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve	JEDA	No Change
42 USC 5301	Federal	Statute	Creates the Community Development Block Grants.	Requires a service	Administer the Community Development Block Grants to local communities.	No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2025
44-96-60	State	Statute	Establishes the State Solid Waste Advisory Council and names the Secretary of Commerce, or his designee, as a council member.	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve	State Solid Waste Advisory Council	No Change
46-3-260	State	Statute	Establishes the South Carolina Renewable Energy Infrastructure Fund, names Secretary of Commerce or his or her designee to the board, the South Carolina Renewable Energy Oversight Committee.	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve	South Carolina Renewable Energy Oversight Committee	No Change
48-21-20	State	Statute	Establishes the Mining Council, names Secretary of Commerce or his or her designee as a council member.	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve	Mining Council	No Change
51-17-50	State	Statute	Creates the Heritage Trust Advisory Board and names the Secretary of Commerce, or his or her designee, to the board.	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve	Heritage Trust Advisory Board	No Change
54-3-10	State	Statute	Establishes the South Carolina Ports Authority and names the Secretary of Commerce as an ex officio, non-voting member of its board.	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve	SC Ports Authority	No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2025
Housing & Community Development Act of 1974 and associated regulations found in Title 24, Housing & Urban Development, Part 570, Community Development Block Grants.	Federal	Statute	Establishes programmatic framework for Community Development Block Grant Program administered by DOC.	Requires a service		No Change
Proviso 50.1	State	FY25-26 Proviso	Any proceeds from the sale of publications may be retained in the agency.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
Proviso 50.10	State	FY25-26 Proviso	In order to encourage and facilitate economic development, funds appropriated for the Closing Fund for competitive recruitment purposes shall be used as approved by the Coordinating Council for Economic Development. Any unexpended at the end of the prior fiscal year may be carried forward and expended in the current fiscal year by the Department of Commerce for the same purposes	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
Proviso 50.11	State	FY25-26 Proviso	Application fees received by the department must be deposited within five business days from the Coordinating Council application approval date.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2025
Proviso 50.12	State	FY25-26 Proviso	The Recycling Market Development Advisory Council must submit an annual report outlining recycling activities to the Governor and members of the General Assembly by March fifteenth each year.	Report our agency must/may provide	Annual RMDAC reporting	No Change
Proviso 50.13	State	FY25-26 Proviso	Establishes the guidelines for funds authorized to the Regional Economic Development Organizations.	Distribute funding to another entity	Regional Alliances	No Change
Proviso 50.14	State	FY25-26 Proviso	Establishes the guidelines for funds authorized to the SC Mfg Extension Partnership.	Distribute funding to another entity	SCMEP	No Change
Proviso 50.15	State	FY25-26 Proviso	Establishes the guidelines for the disbursement of funds related to the Business Incubator/Innovation Program.	Requires a service		No Change
Proviso 50.16	State	FY25-26 Proviso	Establishes the guidelines for the disbursement of funds related to the Council on Competitiveness.	Distribute funding to another entity	Council on Competitiveness	No Change
Proviso 50.17	State	FY25-26 Proviso	This proviso allows certain grant programs to be carried forward from the current fiscal year for the same purpose.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
Proviso 50.18	State	FY25-26 Proviso	This proviso allows certain funds to be used for state-owned rail infrastructure projects.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2025
Proviso 50.2	State	FY25-26 Proviso	This proviso allows the Coordinating Council for Economic Development the ability to utilize up to ten percent of the Set Aside Fund for administrative program costs and business recruitment and retention and \$60,000 of the Set Aside Fund to be used for GIS related expenditures and any remaining balance at the end of this fiscal year to be carried forward to next year.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
Proviso 50.3	State	FY25-26 Proviso	This proviso allows the Coordinating Council for Economic Development the authority to transfer economic development funds at its disposal to the Closing Fund.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
Proviso 50.4	State	FY25-26 Proviso	Allows the carry forward of funds collected from SC companies for trade shows.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
Proviso 50.5	State	FY25-26 Proviso	Requires the establishment of a Special Events Advisory Committee and expenditure and reporting guidelines.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
Proviso 50.6	State	FY25-26 Proviso	Revenue received from the sublease on non-state owned office space may be retained and expended to offset the cost of the department's leased office space.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change

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Proviso 50.7	State	FY25-26 Proviso	The department may charge a fee for ad sales in department authorized publications and may use these fees to offset the cost of printing and production of the publications. Any revenue generated above the actual cost shall be remitted to the General Fund.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
Proviso 50.8	State	FY25-26 Proviso	The Secretary of Commerce shall be authorized to appoint the staff of the department's foreign offices on a contractual basis on such terms as the Secretary deems appropriate, subject to review by the Office of Human Resources of the Budget and Control Board.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
Proviso 50.9	State	FY25-26 Proviso	Requires the transfer of \$500,000 shall be made available for the routing, planning and construction of I-73.	Distribute funding to another entity	Transfer to DOT for I-73	No Change
Proviso 50.19	State	FY25-26 Proviso	Establishes the guidelines for the disbursement of funds related to the Rural School District and Economic Development Closing Fund	Requires a service		No Change
Proviso 50.20	State	FY25-26 Proviso	For the current fiscal year, adds two members to the SC Coordinating Council for Economic Development	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve		No Change



Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2025
Proviso 50.21	State	FY25-26 Proviso	Establishes the guidelines for the disbursement of funds related to the Strategic Economic Development Fund	Funding agency deliverable(s)		No Change
Proviso 50.22	State	FY25-26 Proviso	Establishes the guidelines for the disbursement of funds related to the Public/Private Partnerships - Emergency Services Fund	Funding agency deliverable(s)		No Change
Proviso 118.19 (B) 46.1	State	FY23-24 Proviso	Establishes the guidelines for the disbursement of funds related to Closing Fund - JBRC funding	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
Act 3 - Joint Resolution	State	Statute	Establishes the guidelines for disbursement of funds and required reporting related to Project Connect	Funding agency deliverable(s)		No Change
Proviso 50.23	State	FY25-26 Proviso	Establishes method for agencies responsible for management of Jobs Development Tax Credit Program to adjust fees to cover the operation expenses of the program.	Funding agency deliverable(s)	DOR also affected	Added
Proviso 50.24	State	FY25-26 Proviso	This proviso allows certain grant programs to be carried forward from the current fiscal year for the same purpose.	Not related to agency deliverable.	SC Nexus	Added
Proviso 50.25	State	FY25-26 Proviso	This proviso directs Commerce to fund a study to determine the viability of sustainable aviation fuel in SC.	Report our agency may/must provide		Added

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Proviso 50.26	State	FY24-25 Proviso	This proviso redirects non-recurring funding from prior years.	Not related to agency deliverable.		Repealed
Proviso 50.27	State	FY24-25 Proviso	This proviso redirects non-recurring funding from prior years.	Not related to agency deliverable.	PRT also affected	Repealed
Act 210 - Joint Resolution	State	Statute	This Act creates the SC Nexus office within SC Commerce and defines goals of the office.	Not related to agency deliverable.		Added

2025		<b>Services Data</b> as submitted for the Accountability Report by: <b>P320 - DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE</b>						
Description of Service	Description of Direct Customer	Customer Name	Others Impacted by Service	Division or major organizational unit providing the service.	Description of division or major organizational unit providing the service.	Primary negative impact if service not provided.	Changes made to services during FY2025	Summary of changes to services
To provide a business environment and climate that promotes economic development within our state.	Various	Existing and emerging industries within the state	Various	II.B. Small Business and Existing Industry	To help South Carolina companies, small and large, by connecting tools and resources to offer a dynamic, custom approach to achieve peak business performance.	Small and existing industry may not have the tools and resources to grow and prosper.	No Change	
To provide a business environment and climate that promotes economic development within our state.	Various	Existing and emerging industries within the state	Various	II.F Innovation/Emerging Industries II.G SC NEXUS	To connect, equip and elevate the state's innovation community by launching new assets that intensify technology and research development within South Carolina.	The state's innovation community and operating environment may not be optimized for the establishment and growth of entrepreneurial and technology-based companies.	Amend	Added the SC Nexus division as a service provider
To provide a business environment and climate that promotes economic development within our state.	Various	Small business community	Various	II.B. Small Business and Existing Industry	To help South Carolina companies, small and large, by connecting tools and resources to offer a dynamic, custom approach to achieve peak business performance.	Small and existing industry may not have the tools and resources to grow and prosper.	No Change	
To provide a business environment and climate that promotes economic development within our state.	Various	Small business community	Various	II.F Innovation/Emerging Industries II.G SC NEXUS	To connect, equip and elevate the state's innovation community by launching new assets that intensify technology and research development within South Carolina.	The state's innovation community and operating environment may not be optimized for the establishment and growth of entrepreneurial and technology-based companies.	Amend	Added the SC Nexus division as a service provider
To provide a business environment and climate that promotes economic development within our state.	Various	National and international businesses making a location decision	Various	II.A. Global Business Development	To recruit new jobs and capital investment via new companies establishing operations or existing companies expanding in the state	Reduced economic activity including new job opportunities and (taxable) capital investment	No Change	

Description of Service	Description of Direct Customer	Customer Name	Others Impacted by Service	Division or major organizational unit providing the service.	Description of division or major organizational unit providing the service.	Primary negative impact if service not provided.	Changes made to services during FY2025	Summary of changes to services
To provide a business environment and climate that promotes economic development within our state.	Various	National and international businesses making a location decision	Various	II.D Marketing, Communications and Research	To develop marketing strategies utilizing the state's brand in recruiting industry and attracting investments to South Carolina. To provide real-time, accurate data, information and research to support the mission of the agency in recruiting industry and attracting investments.	South Carolina's brand awareness is reduced and/or misunderstood.	No Change	
To provide a business environment and climate that promotes economic development within our state.	Various	National and international businesses making a location decision	Various	II.E.1 Grant Programs - Coordinating Council for Economic Development	To assist with economic development projects that will represent new jobs and capital investment in the state, either as a result of new business locations or existing business retention and expansion.	Reduction in new companies' locations or retention/expansion of existing industry which impacts the state's overall economic prosperity	No Change	
To provide a business environment and climate that promotes economic development within our state.	Various	Site selection consultants	Various	II.A. Global Business Development	To recruit new jobs and capital investment via new companies establishing operations or existing companies expanding in the state	Reduced economic activity including new job opportunities and (taxable) capital investment	No Change	
To provide a business environment and climate that promotes economic development within our state.	Various	Site selection consultants	Various	II.D Marketing, Communications and Research	To develop marketing strategies utilizing the state's brand in recruiting industry and attracting investments to South Carolina. To provide real-time, accurate data, information and research to support the mission of the agency in recruiting industry and attracting investments.	South Carolina's brand awareness is reduced and/or misunderstood.	No Change	
To provide a business environment and climate that promotes economic development within our state.	Various	Site selection consultants	Various	II.E.1 Grant Programs - Coordinating Council for Economic Development	To assist with economic development projects that will represent new jobs and capital investment in the state, either as a result of new business locations or existing business retention and expansion.	Reduction in new companies' locations or retention/expansion of existing industry which impacts the state's overall economic prosperity	No Change	
To provide a business environment and climate that promotes economic development within our state.	Various	Communities seeking jobs and investment	Various	II.C. Community & Rural Development	To assist South Carolina communities in achieving local success through product development, asset development and leadership and community investment.	The state's communities are not competitive in retaining and recruiting economic development opportunities.	No Change	

Description of Service	Description of Direct Customer	Customer Name	Others Impacted by Service	Division or major organizational unit providing the service.	Description of division or major organizational unit providing the service.	Primary negative impact if service not provided.	Changes made to services during FY2025	Summary of changes to services
To provide a business environment and climate that promotes economic development within our state.	Various	Communities seeking jobs and investment	Various	II.E.1 Grant Programs - Coordinating Council for Economic Development	To assist with economic development projects that will represent new jobs and capital investment in the state, either as a result of new business locations or existing business retention and expansion.	Reduction in new companies' locations or retention/expansion of existing industry which impacts the state's overall economic prosperity	No Change	
To provide a business environment and climate that promotes economic development within our state.	Various	Communities seeking jobs and investment	Various	II.E.2 Grant Programs - Community Development Block Grant	To assist communities with grants for infrastructure, housing, economic development and planning.	Reduced ability for communities to retain and attract industry	No Change	
To provide technical assistance and grants to improve the inventory and infrastructure available for economic development.	Various	Communities seeking funding for economic development and/or infrastructure needs	Various	II.C. Community & Rural Development	To assist local leaders in achieving success for their communities through product development, asset development and leadership and community investment.	The state's communities are not competitive in retaining and recruiting economic development opportunities.	No Change	
To provide technical assistance and grants to improve the inventory and infrastructure available for economic development.	Various	Communities seeking funding for economic development and/or infrastructure needs	Various	II.E.1 Grant Programs - Coordinating Council for Economic Development	To assist with economic development projects that will represent new jobs and capital investment in the state, either as a result of new business locations or existing business retention and expansion.	Reduction in new companies' locations or retention/expansion of existing industry which impacts the state's overall economic prosperity	No Change	
To provide technical assistance and grants to improve the inventory and infrastructure available for economic development.	Various	Communities seeking funding for economic development and/or infrastructure needs	Various	II.E.2 Grant Programs - Community Development Block Grant	To assist communities with grants for infrastructure, housing, economic development and planning.	Reduced ability for communities to retain and attract industry	No Change	

2025	<b><u>Partnerships Data</u></b> as submitted for the Accountability Report by: <b>P320 - DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE</b>		
Type of Partner Entity	Name of Partner Entity	Description of Partnership	Change to the partnership during the past fiscal year
Federal Government	Appalachian Regional Commission	Community Development	No Change
Non-Governmental Organization	Council on Competitiveness	Development of the Aerospace, Technology and TDL (Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics) Sectors.	No Change
State Government	Department of Employment and Workforce	Workforce	No Change
State Government	Department of Environmental Services	Permitting and Recycling	Amend
State Government	Department of Natural Resources	Permitting	No Change
State Government	Department of Transportation	Infrastructure	No Change
Non-Governmental Organization	Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina	Broadband & Electric Issues	No Change
State Government	Forestry Commission	Agribusiness Project Management	No Change
Federal Government	Housing and Urban Development	Community Development	No Change
State Government	Jobs Economic Development Alliance	Shared Resources Agreement	No Change

Type of Partner Entity	Name of Partner Entity	Description of Partnership	Change to the partnership during the past fiscal year
Local Government	Local Government Economic Development Offices	Business Development	No Change
Non-Governmental Organization	Municipal Association of South Carolina	Community Development	No Change
State Government	Office of Regulatory Staff	Broadband & Electric Issues	No Change
Non-Governmental Organization	Regional Economic Development Organizations	Business Development	No Change
State Government	SC State Conservation Bank	Permitting	No Change
Non-Governmental Organization	SCBIO	Assistance with the Life Science Industry Sector	No Change
Non-Governmental Organization	SCEDA	Business Development	No Change
Federal Government	Small Business Administration	Small Business	No Change
Non-Governmental Organization	Small Business Development Centers	Assistance to Small Businesses	No Change
Non-Governmental Organization	South Carolina Association of Community & Economic Development	Small Business and Community Development	No Change
Non-Governmental Organization	South Carolina Automotive Council	Assistance with Automotive Manufacturing Sector	No Change
Non-Governmental Organization	South Carolina Chamber of Commerce	Small Business and Existing Industries	No Change
State Government	South Carolina General Assembly	Leadership/Business Development	No Change

Type of Partner Entity	Name of Partner Entity	Description of Partnership	Change to the partnership during the past fiscal year
Non-Governmental Organization	South Carolina Manufacturers Alliance	Small Business and Existing Industries	No Change
Non-Governmental Organization	South Carolina Association of Counties	Community Development	No Change
State Government	South Carolina Department of Agriculture	Agribusiness Project Management	No Change
Non-Governmental Organization	South Carolina Department of Education	Broadband & Electric Issues	No Change
State Government	South Carolina Department of Revenue	Audit of Job Development Tax Credits and Administrative Collaboration	No Change
Non-Governmental Organization	South Carolina Manufacturing Extension Partnership	Existing Industries	No Change
State Government	South Carolina Parks, Recreation and Tourism	Marketing the State with Palmetto Partners/Just Right	No Change
State Government	South Carolina Ports Authority	Exporting/Business Development	No Change
State Government	South Carolina Research Authority	Research/Applied Research Center/Innovation	No Change
State Government	South Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority	Product Development and Administrative Collaboration	No Change
State Government	South Carolina Technical College System	ReadySC/Workforce	No Change
State Government	State Historic Preservation Office	Permitting and Development	No Change
State Government	The Governor's Office	Leadership/Business Development	No Change



Type of Partner Entity	Name of Partner Entity	Description of Partnership	Change to the partnership during the past fiscal year
Federal Government	U.S. Commercial Service	International Trade	No Change
Federal Government	US Army Corp of Engineers	Permitting	No Change
Federal Government	Southeast Crescent Regional Commission	Community Development	No Change
Federal Government	US Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration	Tech Hub	No Change
Non-Government Organization	SustainSC	Small Business and Existing Industries	No Change
Federal Government	APEX Accelerator	Assists business and industry in navigating local, state, and federal government contracting	No Change
Non-Government Organization	SC Fraunhofer USA Alliance	Applied research projects accelerating business and industry competitiveness utilizing university, Fraunhofer and industry engagement	No Change
State Government	SC Emergency Management Division	DOC is the coordinating agency for Emergency Support Function (ESF) -24 (Business and Industry) for response, and the Economic Recovery Support Function.	No Change
Non-Government Organization	SC NEXUS CORE/Principal Advisory Council	Evolves from a public-partner discussion group into a 13-member decision-making body that directs catalytic funding and sets SC NEXUS strategy.	Add

Type of Partner Entity	Name of Partner Entity	Description of Partnership	Change to the partnership during the past fiscal year
Non-Government Organization	SC NEXUS Consortium	SC NEXUS Consortium brings together community leaders, economic developers, research institutions, energy industry companies, and investors across South Carolina to engage on energy trends and business development.	Add

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Reports Data

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P320 - DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Report Name	Law Number (if applicable)	Summary of information requested in the report	Date of most recent submission DURING the past fiscal year	Reporting Frequency	Type of entity/entities	Method to access the report	Direct access hyperlink or agency contact (if not provided to LSA for posting online)	Changes to this report during the past fiscal year	Explanation why a report wasn't submitted
Agency Accountability Report	§1-1-810	The report "must contain the agency's or department's mission, objectives to accomplish the mission, and performance measures that show the degree to which objectives are being met." Agencies must "identify key program area descriptions and expenditures and link these to key financial and performance results measures."	September 2024	Annually	Governor or Lt. Governor AND Legislative entity or entities	Provided to LSA for posting online	<a href="https://www.sccommerce.com/sites/default/files/inline-files/Commerce_AnnualAccountability_Report_FY24_0.pdf">https://www.sccommerce.com/sites/default/files/inline-files/Commerce_AnnualAccountability_Report_FY24_0.pdf</a>	No Change	
Annual Report - CCED Fund Activity	§12-10-85 & §12-28-2910	Outlining of CCED activities during the previous calendar year.	March 2025	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Available on agency's website	<a href="https://www.sccommerce.com/sites/default/files/2025-03/2024%20Coordinating%20Council%20for%20Economic%20Development%20Annual%20Report%20%283.13.2025%29_0.pdf">https://www.sccommerce.com/sites/default/files/2025-03/2024%20Coordinating%20Council%20for%20Economic%20Development%20Annual%20Report%20%283.13.2025%29_0.pdf</a>	No Change	
Annual Report - Enterprise Program	§12-10-100	The report must list each revitalization agreement concluded during the previous calendar year, the results of each cost/benefits analysis, and receipts and expenditures of application fees.	May 2025	Annually	Legislative entity or entities	Available on agency's website	<a href="https://www.sccommerce.com/sites/default/files/2025-05/Enterprise%20Zone%20Annual%20Report%20for%202024%20%285.7.2025%29.pdf">https://www.sccommerce.com/sites/default/files/2025-05/Enterprise%20Zone%20Annual%20Report%20for%202024%20%285.7.2025%29.pdf</a>	No Change	
Annual Report - Palmetto Partners	Proviso 50.5 of the FY2024-25 Appropriation Act	Annual activities of the Palmetto Partners.	June 2025	Annually	Governor or Lt. Governor AND Legislative entity or entities	Provided to LSA for posting online	<a href="https://osa.sc.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/DEPARTMENT-OF-COMMERCE-P32_PALMETTO-PARTNERS-FINAL-REPORT_CY24.pdf">https://osa.sc.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/DEPARTMENT-OF-COMMERCE-P32_PALMETTO-PARTNERS-FINAL-REPORT_CY24.pdf</a>	No Change	

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Bank Account Transparency	Proviso 117.78 of the FY2024-25 Appropriation Act	Activity related to agency bank accounts.	September 2024	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Available on agency's website	<a href="https://www.sccommerce.com/sites/default/files/inline-files/Commerce%20CBA%20Report%20FY2023-2024%20-%20Final.pdf">https://www.sccommerce.com/sites/default/files/inline-files/Commerce%20CBA%20Report%20FY2023-2024%20-%20Final.pdf</a>	No Change	
Council on Competitiveness	Proviso 50.16 of the FY2024-25 Appropriation Act	Activities related to the Council	December 2024	Annually	Legislative entity or entities	Electronic copy available upon request	Available upon request	No Change	
Fines and Fee Report	Proviso 117.70 of the FY2024-25 Appropriation Act	Fines and Fees collected by agency during the year.	October 2024	Annually	Legislative entity or entities	Available on agency's website	<a href="https://www.sccommerce.com/sites/default/files/2025-09/P320%20Fines%20and%20Fees%20Report%20-%20FY25.pdf">https://www.sccommerce.com/sites/default/files/2025-09/P320%20Fines%20and%20Fees%20Report%20-%20FY25.pdf</a>	No Change	
Independent Audit - Division of Public Railways	§13-1-50	Annual audit for Palmetto Railways	July 2025	Annually	Other	Available on another website	<a href="https://osa.sc.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Palmetto-Railways-2024-Financial-Statements.pdf">https://osa.sc.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Palmetto-Railways-2024-Financial-Statements.pdf</a>	No Change	
Outstanding Debt Report	Proviso 117.33 of the FY2024-25 Appropriation Act	Outstanding Debt Report for agency.	February 2025	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	Available upon request	No Change	
Recycling Market Development Advisory Council	Proviso 50.12 of the FY2024-25 Appropriation Act	Outlining of recycling activities during the calendar year.	March 2025	Annually	Governor or Lt. Governor AND Legislative entity or entities	Available on another website	<a href="https://www.recyclinginsc.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/RMD-AC-2024-annual-report.pdf">https://www.recyclinginsc.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/RMD-AC-2024-annual-report.pdf</a>	No Change	
SC Manufacturing Extension Partnership	Proviso 50.14 of the FY2024-25 Appropriation Act	Activities related to the SC Manufacturing Extension Partnership.	July 2025	Annually	Legislative entity or entities	Electronic copy available upon request	Available upon request	No Change	

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## 2025 Accountability Report

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### SUBMISSION FORM

I have reviewed and approved the data submitted by the agency in the following templates:

- Data Template
  - Reorganization and Compliance
  - FY2025 Strategic Plan Results
  - FY2026 Strategic Plan Development
  - Legal
  - Services
  - Partnerships
  - Report or Review
  - Budget
- Discussion Template
- Organizational Template

I have reviewed and approved the financial report summarizing the agency's budget and actual expenditures, as entered by the agency into the South Carolina Enterprise Information System.

The information submitted is complete and accurate to the extent of my knowledge.

<b>AGENCY DIRECTOR</b> <i>(SIGN AND DATE):</i>  <i>(TYPE/PRINT NAME):</i>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <b>SIGNATURE ON FILE</b> </div> <div style="text-align: right;"> <b>Signature Received:</b>            09/15/2025         </div> </div> <div style="border-top: 1px solid black; margin-top: 10px;">           Harry M. Lightsey, III- Secretary of Commerce         </div>
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<b>BOARD/CMSN CHAIR</b> <i>(SIGN AND DATE):</i>  <i>(TYPE/PRINT NAME):</i>	<div style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; margin-top: 20px;">N/A</div>
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