Agriculture, U.S. Department of
APHIS, Plant Protection & Quarantine
4600 Goer Dr., Suite 104, N. Charleston, 29406
Tel. (843) 480-4334

Functions: Safeguards agriculture and natural resources from the risks associated with the entry, establishment, or spread of animal and plant pests and noxious weeds. Fulfillment of its safeguarding role ensures an abundant, high-quality, and varied food supply, strengthens the marketability of U.S. agriculture in domestic and international commerce, and contributes to the preservation of the global environment.

Low-Country Area—Marjorie Bestwick, Supvr., Plant Health Safeguarding Specialist, 4600 Goer Dr., Suite 104, N. Charleston 29406, Tel. (843) 480-4334; Midlands Area—Tel. (803) 239-6513; Pee Dee Area—137 Airport Court, Suite F, Mullins 29574, Tel. (843) 423-5351; Upstate Area—Tel. (864) 346-4410

S.C. State Plant Health Dir: ............ CARL LIGHTFOOT

USDA-APHIS
Veterinary Services
9600 Two Notch Rd., Suite 10, Columbia 29223
Tel. (803) 462-2910

Function: To protect and improve the health, quality, and marketability of our nation’s animals, animal products, and veterinary biologics by preventing, controlling, and/or eliminating animal diseases, and by monitoring and promoting animal health and productivity.

Area Veterinarian in Charge ............ DR. BARRY J. MEAD, MS, DVM, PHD

Farm Service Agency
1927 Thurmond Mall, Suite 100, Columbia 29201-2375
Tel. (803) 806-3820; www.fsa.usda.gov/sc

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) is an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) that serves all farmers, ranchers and agricultural partners through the delivery of effective, efficient agricultural programs for all Americans. The foundation of FSA’s mission and vision rests upon the long-standing core values of strong ethics, customer service, teamwork, inclusive decision-making, and fiscal responsibility.
FSA has 34 county offices and each county office is governed by a farmer-elected county committee. Each of these county committees is governed by the State FSA committee that oversees and supervises all county operations. These programs are: Direct and Guaranteed Farm Operating and Farm Ownership Loans; Microloans; Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Loans; Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage Program (ARPLC); Conservation and Emergency Loans; Marketing Assistance Loans (MAL); Farm Storage Facility Loans; Margin Protection Program for Dairy (MPP); Dairy Indemnity Payment Program (DIPP); Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP); Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP); Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP); Conservation Reserve Program (CRP); Emergency Conservation Program (ECP); Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP); Biomass Crop Assistance Program (BCAP); Emergency Forestry Restoration Program (EFRP); and Tree Assistance Program (TAP).

State FSA Chm. ......................... .Robert B. Battle
Mems.—English Warren Dixon, Mary Frances Koon, Don C.
Sharp III, Thomas J. Trantham, Jr.

State Exec. Dir. ......................... BOONE S. PEELER

USDA-National Agricultural Statistics Service Field Office
208-G Wholesale Lane
West Columbia 29172, Tel. (803) 765-5333
http://www.nass.usda.gov/sc

Functions: To collect and publish data on the acreage, yield, production, including value of farm production and marketing; prices received and paid by farmers for farm commodities and production inputs; basic farm production expenditures; and number of farms and land in farms.

State Statistician ....................... EDWARD WELLS
USDA Forest Service
Francis Marion and Sumter NFS
Forest Headquarters
4931 Broad River Rd., Columbia 29212-3530
Tel. (803) 561-4000

District Ranger Offices at Mountain Rest, Edgefield, Whitmire, Union, and Huger. Functions: Administers the Francis Marion and Sumter National Forests comprising 632,290 acres within the State of S.C. for multiple resource management—soil and water, wildlife, recreation, and timber. Cooperates with the State Forestry Commission, State Department of Natural Resources, and Parks, Recreation and Tourism.

Forest Supvr. ......................... John Richard Lint
Fire, Lands & Planning .......... J. R. (Red) Anderson
Recreation, Heritage & Engineering .......... vacant
Natural Resources ...................... Larry Westcott
Public Affairs ......................... Pamela Baltimore
Admin. Off. ........................... Linwood Butler

USDA Rural Development
1835 Assembly St., Suite 1007, Columbia 29201
Tel. (803) 765-5163

The Rural Development mission is to help rural Americans to improve the quality of their lives. Rural Development programs are administered through USDA’s network of State, Area, and sub area offices. Rural Development also helps rural communities meet their basic needs by: building water and wastewater systems, financing decent affordable housing, supporting electric power and rural businesses—including cooperatives and supporting community development with information and technical assistance. Rural Development work is focused in the following areas that report to the Assistant to the Secretary for Rural Development: Business Programs including cooperative development and technical assistance, plus other business development programs; Housing Programs including rural housing programs as well as rural community loan programs; and Utilities Programs, including telephone and electric programs along with water and sewer programs. There are nine (9) full-time offices in the State.
Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
1835 Assembly St., Room 950
Columbia 29201, Tel. (803) 253-3935
NRCS assists landowners in conserving, improving, and sustaining South Carolina’s natural resources. Working in cooperation with the State’s 46 conservation districts, the agency provides one-on-one technical assistance to agricultural and urban based individuals and communities. Practical technology and good science are at the heart of conserving our natural resources. For NRCS, this includes soil surveys, which provide detailed information on soil capabilities and a Geographic Information System, which shows the interaction of various elements of the environment. NRCS also has a variety of conservation programs that assist landusers, such as Resource Conservation and Development, PL-566 Small Watershed Program, Plant Materials Program, Environmental Quality Incentives Program, Wetlands Reserve Program, Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program, the Conservation Security Program, and the Farm and Ranch Protection Program.

State Conservationist ......................... Ann English
Asst. State Conservationist
for Partnership ......................... Dennis Mobley
Asst. State Conservationist Field
Ops-Manning .............................. Beau Sorenson
Asst. State Conservationist Field
Ops-Newberry .............................. Reginald Hall
Asst. State Conservationist for Progs. .... Kellee Melton
Asst. State Conservationist
Mgmt. & Strategy ............................ Jada Burrell
State Conservation Engineer ............... Carter Bagley
State Soil Scientist ........................ Kamara Holmes
State Public Affairs Specialist (Acting) . Sebrenna Bryant
State Resource Conservationist ............ Jerome Brown
(U.S. Department of Justice)

Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF), Bureau of

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) investigates violations of federal laws, which include federal firearm laws (firearms trafficking, illegal possession by prohibited persons), federal explosive and arson laws (bombings, arson for profit, church fires), and alcohol and tobacco cases that involve smuggling and tax evasion.

*Columbia Field Office*, Strom Thurmond Fed. Bldg., 1835 Assembly St., Room 309, Columbia 29201, Edwin Eubanks, Resident Agent in Charge, Tel. (803) 251-4600; *Florence Satellite Office*, 401 W. Evans St., Room 209, Florence 29501, Tel. (843) 292-0179; *Charleston Field Office*, One Poston Rd., Suite 325, Charleston 29407, Scott Perela, Resident Agent in Charge, Tel. (843) 763-3683; *Greenville Field Office*, 301 N. Main St., Suite 1802, Greenville 29601, Michael Dixon, Resident Agent in Charge, Tel. (864) 282-2937; for questions involving Federal Firearms Licenses or Federal Explosives Licenses Industry Operations, Tel. (803) 251-4640

**Commerce, U.S. Department of International Trade Administration**

*Columbia U.S. Export Assistance Center (EAC)*

1705 College St., Suite 607
Columbia 29208, Tel. (803) 777-2571

*Charleston U.S. EAC-5300*

1362 McMillan Ave., Suite 100
N. Charleston 29405, Tel. (843) 746-3404

*Upstate U.S. EAC-555*

Buck Mickle Center, 216 S. Pleasantburg Dr., Suite 243
Greenville 29606, Tel. (864) 250-8429

The offices promote U.S. exports and provide focal points of contact between the units of the International Trade Administration and the business public. They deal directly with businesses to identify and develop export markets and find solutions to export-related problems.

*Dir.* DORETTE COETSEE
Economic Development Administration  
1835 Assembly St., Room 1075  
Columbia 29201, Tel. (803) 253-3640

The S.C. office provides field services to local and state public bodies and officials concerned with EDA activities and serves as a liaison with the Atlanta Regional Office in Atlanta, Ga. EDA was established under the Public Works and Economic Dev. Act, 1965, to aid areas which are behind in national prosperity levels. Grants and technical assistance to help communities provide services that make areas attractive to job-generating private industry are forms of EDA aid.

Econ. Dev. Rep. .................Robin Cooley

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
National Weather Service

Provides a comprehensive weather service to S.C. including systematic weather observations, weather reporting, weather forecasts, hazardous weather warning, and climatological service. Also provides meteorological support to aviation, agriculture, forestry, and marine interests. Maintains a river reporting and flood forecast warning service for the rivers in or flowing into S.C. The National Weather Service offices which serve S.C. are located in Greer, Columbia, Charleston, and Wilmington, N.C. Each office is assigned a portion of the State as its local service area and also has warning responsibility for portions of adjacent states covered by their doppler radars. The special functions are assigned to specific offices as required.

National Weather Service Offices

Columbia—2909 Aviation Way, West Columbia 29170-2102, Tel. (803) 822-8038, Richard Okulski, Meteorologist in Charge.

Charleston—5777 S. Aviation Ave., Charleston 29406, Tel. (843) 744-0303, Michael Emlaw, Meteorologist in Charge.

Greenville-Spartanburg—1549 GSP Dr., Greer 29651, Tel. (864) 848-3859, Stephen C. Wilkinson, Meteorologist in Charge.

Wilmington, N.C.—2015 Gardner Dr., Wilmington, N.C. 28405, Tel. (910) 762-4289, Steven Pfaff, Acting Meteorologist in Charge.
NOAA/National Geodetic Survey
S.C. Geodetic Liason
5 Geology Rd., Columbia 29210, Tel. (803) 896-7715
The National Geodetic Survey is responsible for developing and maintaining a network of high accuracy benchmarks for the nation, known as the National Spatial Reference System (NSRS). The NSRS is composed of approximately 1,000,000 survey control monuments, of which 17,000 are located in S.C. The NSRS provides the foundation for the state-mandated S.C. State Plane Coordinate System used to create state and county maps and geographic information systems.

Geodetic Coordinator ............... MATT WELLSLAGER
matt.wellslager@rfa.sc.gov

Homeland Security, Department of
ICE, Homeland Security Investigations

Asst. Special Agent in Charge/SC .... BERNARDO PILLOT
3950 Faber Place Dr., 3rd Floor
North Charleston 29405
Tel. (843) 746-6611

Resident Agent in Charge ........... WILLIAM J. MATAYA
3950 Faber Place Dr., 3rd Floor
North Charleston 29405
Tel. (843) 746-6610

Resident Agent in Charge ........... CRAIG A. SPELCE
1835 Assembly St., Room 358
Columbia 29201
Tel. (803) 748-4536

Resident Agent in Charge ........... CHRISTOPHER M. MURPHY
301 N. Main St., Suite 1401
Greenville 29601
Tel. (864) 235-0519

Customs & Border Protection
Department of Homeland Security
Area Port of Charleston (Service)
200 E. Bay St., Charleston 29401

Area Port Dir. .... ROBERT A. FENCHEL, Tel. (843) 579-6500
Asst. Port Dir. .......... Russell Miller, Tel. (843) 579-6511
Port of Georgetown  
1324 Dock St., Georgetown 29442  
*Off. in Charge* .................. CHARLES SASSER  
Tel. (843) 916-0438  

Port of Myrtle Beach  
1100 Jetport Rd., Myrtle Beach 29577  
*Off. in Charge* .................. CHARLES SASSER  
Tel. (843) 916-0438  

Port of Greenville  
150-A W. Phillips Rd., Greer 29650  
*Port Dir.* .................. WAYNE HENSON, Tel. (864) 877-8006  

Port of Columbia  
2533-A Airport Blvd., West Columbia 29170  
*Port Dir.* .................. JERRY WILSON, Tel. (803) 822-5251  

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
(U.S. Department of Justice)  
Div. Office: 151 Westpark Blvd., Columbia 29210-3857  
Tel. (803) 551-4200, Fax (803) 551-4324  
*Dir.* .................. CHRISTOPHER W. RAY, Washington, D.C.  
*Special Agent in Charge* ................. Alphonso (Jody) Norris  
*Asst. Special Agents in Charge* ............ Paul (Reid) Davis  
Douglas Hemminghaus  

Resident agents of the FBI in the S.C. cities listed below operate under the supervision of the Division Office. In case of emergency, if no answer at numbers listed below, call Columbia Office.  

Aiken .................. 230 Village Green Blvd.  
Tel. (803) 648-0728  

Hilton Head ...... 25 Clarks Summit Dr., Suite 200, Bluffton  
Tel. (843) 815-2180  

Charleston ............... 1671 Belle Isle Ave., Suite 200  
Tel. (843) 881-0194  

Florence .................. 161 Dozier Blvd., Suite 150  
Tel. (843) 629-3022  

Greenville .................. 15 South Main St., Suite 801  
Tel. (864) 250-7100  

Myrtle Beach ............... 1012 38th Ave., North, Suite 201  
Tel. (843) 626-7476  

United States Government  
Departments in South Carolina  
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Federal Court
Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
Office of the Clerk
1100 E. Main St., Suite 501
Richmond, VA 23219-3517, Tel. (804) 916-2700

Chief Judge—Roger L. Gregory, Richmond, VA
Circuit Judges—Julius N. Richardson, Columbia; A. Marvin Quattlebaum, Jr., Greenville; Henry F. Floyd, Spartanburg
Senior Circuit Judge—Clyde H. Hamilton, Columbia; William B. Traxler, Jr., Greenville; Dennis W. Shedd, Columbia
Clerk—Patricia S. Connor

District of South Carolina
U.S. District Court, District of South Carolina
901 Richland St., Columbia 29201-2431
Tel. (803) 765-5816

Sessions of District Court are scheduled on order of the Court.

Dist. Judges—Terry L. Wooten, Chief Judge, Columbia; David C. Norton, Charleston; R. Bryan Harwell, Florence; Richard M. Gergel, Charleston; J. Michelle Childs, Columbia; Timothy M. Cain, Anderson; Mary Geiger Lewis, Columbia; Bruce Howe Hendricks, Greenville
Senior Judges—C. Weston Houck, Charleston; Joseph F. Anderson, Jr., Columbia; Henry M. Herlong, Jr., Greenville; Cameron McGowan Currie, Columbia; Patrick Michael Duffy, Charleston; Margaret B. Seymour, Columbia

Magistrates/Judges—Bristow Marchant, Charleston; Thomas E. Rogers III, Florence; Paige J. Gossett, Columbia; Shiva V. Hodges, Columbia; Kevin F. McDonald, Greenville; Jacquelyn D. Austin, Greenville; Kaymani D. West, Florence; Mary Gordon Baker, Charleston
Clerk of Court—Robin L. Blume, Columbia, Tel. (803) 765-5816
Div. Mgrs.—Robbie Shumate, Charleston; Peppa Caskey, Columbia; Susan Roberts, Florence; Kieron Campbell, Greenville

Court Reporters—Charleston: Debbie Potocki; Columbia: Kathleen Richardson, Jenny Williams; Florence: Beth Krupa, Ray Simmons; Greenville: Gigi Simcox

U.S. Marshal .................. Kelvin Washington, Columbia


Probation Supvs. in Charge—J. Scott Youngblood, Charleston; James Brown, Greenville; Michael Leeson, Florence

United States Attorney’s Office
1441 Main St., Suite 500
Columbia 29201, Tel. (803) 929-3000

U.S. Atty. ................................. Beth Drake
First Asst. U.S. Atty. ............................ Lance Crick


U.S. Bankruptcy Court
J. Bratton Davis U.S. Bankruptcy Courthouse
1100 Laurel St., Columbia 29201
Tel. (803) 765-5436
www.scb.uscourts.gov

Chief Judge ............................... David R. Duncan
Judges ............................. Helen Elizabeth Burris  
John E. Waites 
Clerk of Court .......................... Laura A. Austin 

U.S. Trustee (Department of Justice)  
1835 Assembly St., Suite 953  
Columbia 29201, Tel. (803) 765-5250 

The U.S. Trustee appoints and supervises bankruptcy trustees, monitors and supervises the administration of bankruptcy cases, and has standing to raise, appear, and be heard on issues in bankruptcy cases. Region 4 includes the states of Md., S.C., Va. and W. Va., and the Dist. of Cola. 

U.S. Trustee (Acting) .................. John P. Fitzgerald III  
Asst. U.S. Trustee, Dist. of S.C. .......... John Timothy Stack 

Housing and Urban Development,  
Department of  
Columbia Field Office  
1835 Assembly St., Columbia 29201  
Tel. (803) 765-5592 

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) was established by Act of Congress in 1965. HUD maintains a field office in Columbia which has jurisdiction over HUD programs in S.C. 

Field Office Dir. (Acting) ............ KRISTINE G. FOYE  
Admin. Off. .......................... Douglas Bouknight  
Dir. of Fair Housing .................... Patricia Green  
Dir. of Comm. Planning & Dev. ........ Brad Evatt  
Dir. of Office of Public Housing .......... Eric Bickley 

Interior, Department of the  
Fish and Wildlife Service 

Regional Office, Southeast Region  
1875 Century Blvd., Atlanta, GA 30345  
Tel. (404) 679-4000 

Acting Regional Dir. .................. MICHAEL OETKER
S.C. Lowcountry Refuge Complex
(Cape Romain, E. F. Hollings ACE Basin, Santee, and Waccamaw National Wildlife Refuges)
5801 Hwy. 17 North, Awendaw 29429-5908
Tel. (843) 928-3264, Fax (843) 928-3803

Project Leader ..................Durwin Carter

Cape Romain National Wildlife Refuge
5801 Hwy. 17 North, Awendaw 29429
Tel. (843) 928-3264

Refuge Mgr: .........................Sarah Dawsey

Ernest F. Hollings ACE Basin National Wildlife Refuge
P.O. Box 848, Hollywood 29449
Tel. (843) 889-3084

Refuge Mgr: .........................Mark Purcell

Santee National Wildlife Refuge
2125 Fort Watson Rd., Summerton 29148
Tel. (803) 478-2217

Refuge Mgr: .........................Marcie Kapsch

Waccamaw National Wildlife Refuge
21424 N. Fraser St., Georgetown 29440
Tel. (843) 527-8069

Refuge Mgr: .........................Craig Sasser

Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge
(4 miles northeast of McBee, On U.S. Hwy. No. 1)
23734 U.S. Hwy. 1, McBee 29101
Tel. (843) 335-6023

Refuge Mgr: .........................Allyne Askins

Savannah Coastal Refuges Complex
694 Beech Hill Lane, Hardeeville 29927
(includes Pinckney Island and Savannah in S.C.)
Tel. (843) 784-9911

Project Leader .....................Holly Gaboriault
United States Government

Departments in South Carolina

U.S. Geological Survey
720 Gracern Rd.—Suite 129
Columbia 29210-7651, Tel. (803) 750-6100
www.usgs.gov

Provides scientific information on water and geologic resources of S.C. Collects data on streamflow, lake and ground-water levels, and water quality. Conducts scientific studies of quantity, quality, movement, and use of water, including geochemical and microbial mechanisms.

Dir. ............................................ERIC STROM

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Division of Law Enforcement
176 Croghan Spur, Suite 200, Charleston 29407
Special Agent ............Tracey Woodruff, Tel. (843) 727-4707

Fisheries
Bears Bluff National Fish Hatchery
Hatchery Mgr.—James Henne, 7030 Bears Bluff Rd., Wadmalaw Island 29487, Tel. (843) 559-2315

Orangeburg National Fish Hatchery
Hatchery Mgr.—Byron Hamilton, 427 Lakeview Dr., Hwy. 21 Bypass, Orangeburg 29115, Tel. (803) 534-4828

Ecological Services
Charleston Ecological Services Office
Field Supvr.—Thomas McCoy, 176 Croghan Spur, Suite 200, Charleston 29407, Tel. (843) 727-4707

National Park Service
Southeast Field Area
100 Alabama St., SW, 1924 Bldg., Atlanta, Ga. 30303
Regional Dir. ......................STAN AUSTIN

Congaree National Park—Richland County
Supt.—Tracy Stakely, 100 National Park Rd., Hopkins 29061-9118

Cowpens National Battlefield—Cherokee County
Supt.—John Slaughter, 338 New Pleasant Rd., Gaffney 29341
Fort Sumter National Monument—Charleston County  
Supt.—Tim Stone, 1214 Middle St., Sullivan’s Island 29482

Kings Mountain National Military Park—York County  
Supt.—John Slaughter, 2625 Park Rd., Blacksburg 29702

Ninety Six National Historic Site—Greenwood County  
Supt.—John Slaughter, 1103 Hwy. 248, Ninety Six 29666

Internal Revenue Service  
(North and South Carolina District)  
320 Federal Place, Greensboro, NC 27401  
Tel. (336) 378-2059

Charged with the enforcement of all Internal Revenue laws  
(except Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms).

Dist. Dir. ..........................ELLEN M. CIMAGLIA  
Chief, Examination Div. ...............Sally Longnecker  
Chief, Collection/Taxpayer Serv. Div. .......A. L. Hoosier  
Communications Off. ........................Beth Ward  
N.C. Taxpayer Advocate ......................Jackie Bracey  
S.C. Taxpayer Advocate ......................Michael W. Quinn

Labor, U.S. Department of  
Office of Apprenticeship  
1835 Assembly St., Room 838  
Columbia 29201, Tel. (803) 765-5547

Office of Apprenticeship (OA) Representatives assist business & industry in the development of standards of employment and training in accordance with Public Law 308, 75th Congress under which apprentices are trained. The Office’s functions also include developing voluntary training programs for all employed workers, both journeymen and apprentices, and the promotion and development of skill improvement systems in industry, as well as all occupations essential to National Defense. The OA is also responsible for promotion and attainment of equal opportunity in apprenticeship and training according to Title 29 CFR, Part 30; expansion of apprenticeship opportunities; improvement and maintenance of apprenticeship programs; general promotion and public relations certification of registered apprenticeship programs.
for veterans training under Public Law 90-77; and certification of registered apprenticeship programs and apprentices on Federal construction to meet the requirements of Title 29 CFR, Part 5, 5a.

**Personnel**

*State Dir.*—Charles F. Vaughan, Strom Thurmond Fed. Bldg., 1835 Assembly St., Room 838, Columbia 29201, Tel. (803) 765-5547

*Apprenticeship & Training Rep.* ............ Frank Goethe

**Wage and Hour Division (Dept. of Labor)**

*Strom Thurmond Fed. Bldg.*

1835 Assembly St., Room 1072

*Columbia 29201, Tel. (803) 765-5981*

This agency is the federal office responsible for enforcing federal labor laws to promote and achieve compliance with labor standards to protect and enhance the welfare of the Nation’s workforce.

*Dist. Dir.* .................. JAMIE BENEFIEL

*Asst. Dist. Dir.* .................. Nicholas Barron

*C.O.R.P.S.* .................. Colin Trimble

*Investigators:* Columbia—James Grimes, Keira Ellis, Domingo Murguia, Charnita Patterson, Luis Medina; Charleston—Jose Garcia, Will Sosa; Florence—George Gagne, Alan McDivitt; Myrtle Beach—Kelley Brock; Greenville—Rosa Fay, Shelia Martin, Denise Pagan

**Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs**

*Strom Thurmond Fed. Bldg.*

1835 Assembly St., Room 608

*Columbia 29201, Tel. (803) 251-4680*

This agency is responsible for insuring that contractors with the Federal government do not discriminate in their employment practices and take affirmative action to overcome the vestiges and results of past discriminatory employment practices. The mandates under which the agency carries out its compliance responsibilities are: Executive Order 11246, which prohibits employment discrimination, and requires affirmative action, in relation to race, sex, color, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, and national origin; Sec. 503 of
the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, with similar prohibitions and requirements relative to disabled persons; and the Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974 (38 USC 4212), affording like protections and provisions for certain categories of veterans. In addition to carrying out its enforcement responsibilities through compliance reviews and complaint investigations, the agency also provides technical assistance to contractors and others regarding its programs and requirements.

Asst. Dist. Dir. ................. RALPH HAILE

Veterans Employment and Training Service
631 Hampton St., Suite 141, Box 1755, Columbia 29202
Tel. (803) 737-7649

Veterans Employment and Training Service is under the U.S. Department of Labor. This office is responsible for the supervision of the registration of eligible veterans in local S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce for suitable types of employment and training and also for counseling and placement of eligible veterans in employment and job training programs.

Dir. of Veterans Employment ........ THOMAS G. FISHER
Asst. Dir. of Veterans Employment ........ Sandra Swarts

U.S. Postal Inspection Service,
Charlotte Division
P.O. Box 3000, Charlotte, N.C. 28228-3000
Tel. (877) 876-2455

Postal Inspector in Charge ............... David M. McGinnis

Charleston Domicile
7075 Cross County Rd., Charleston 29418
P.O. Box 40307, Charleston 29423-0307
Tel. (877) 876-2455

Postal Inspectors .................. T. J. Gasser, L. R. Moody
As one of our country’s oldest federal law enforcement agencies, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service has a long, proud, and successful history of fighting criminals who attack our nation’s postal system and misuse it to defraud, endanger, or otherwise threaten the American public. As the primary law enforcement arm of the U.S. Postal Service, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service is a highly specialized, professional organization performing investigative and security functions essential to a stable and sound postal system.

Through its security and enforcement functions, the Postal Inspection Service provides assurance to American businesses for the safe exchange of funds and securities through the U.S. Mail; to postal customers of the “sanctity of the seal” in transmitting correspondence and messages; and to postal employees of a safe work environment.

Small Business Administration, U.S.
Strom Thurmond Fed. Bldg., 1835 Assembly St.
Suite 1425, Columbia 29201
Tel. (803) 765-5377, Fax (803) 765-5962
www.sba.gov/sc

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), an independent agency of the federal government, aids, counsels, assists, and protects the interests of small business concerns. SBA offers business education and training; referral counseling; financial assistance through loan guaranty programs; procurement opportunities and minority enterprise development programs to the public on a nondiscriminatory basis.
Social Security Administration
S.C. Area Director Office
401 W. Peachtree St., NW, Atlanta, GA 30308
Tel. (866) 667-5853

Social Security offices in S.C. administer the Federal program of Retirement, Survivors and Disability Insurance, Medicare, Supplemental Security Income, and bring the services and activities of the Social Security Administration to wage earners, claimants, beneficiaries, employers, and other interested parties. The functions of these offices include particularly the issuance of Social Security account numbers, the development of claims for benefits, and the supplying of information concerning the Retirement, Survivors and Disability Insurance, Medicare Programs, and Supplemental Security Income to needy aged, blind, and disabled low income individuals.

District Managers of Social Security Offices
Aiken—Jacquelyn Gayle; Anderson—Thomas Culbreth; Beaufort—Harry Scott; Bennettsville—John Trueluck; Charleston—Kwame Williams; Clinton/Laurens—Robert Turner; Columbia—Arnold Miller; Conway—Lisa Davenport; Florence—Blake Groomes; Georgetown—Lisa Edge; Greenville—Tony Lewis; Greenwood—Dana Jenkins; Orangeburg—Gloria Pooser; Rock Hill—LaWanda Smith-McCray; Spartanburg—Kathleen Mika; Sumter—Calvin Gamble; Walterboro—Moneefa Jones

Disability Adjudication and Review, Office of
Administrative Law Judges have final authority relating to the holding of hearings, the rendition of decisions, and the review of decisions in connection with administrative appeals from determinations made under Titles II, XVI & XVIII of the Social Security Act, as amended, and Title IV of the Federal Coal Mine Health & Safety Act of 1969.
United States Government

Departments in South Carolina

Columbia Office
Suite 200, 1927 Thurmond Mall Blvd.
Columbia 29201, Tel. (866) 399-6950


Charleston Office
3875 Faber Place Dr., Suite 300, N. Charleston 29405
Tel. (843) 727-4511


Hearing Office Chief Admin. Law Judge—James Scott

Greenville Office
300 University Ridge, Suite 200, Greenville 29601
Tel. (864) 242-9154


Transportation, U.S. Department of

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
1835 Assembly St., Suite 1270, Columbia 29201
Tel. (803) 765-5411

The Federal Highway Administration is the key Federal agency in S.C. for highway transportation issues. The mission of the FHWA is to improve mobility on our nation’s highways through National Leadership, Innovation, and Program Delivery. To accomplish this mission, the agency has implemented a four-goal Strategic Plan that includes improvements and objectives in the following areas: Safety, Infrastructure, Innovation and Accountability. The FHWA has Division offices located in all 50 states as well as the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Each FHWA division is led by a Division Administrator responsible for administering the Federal-aid Highway Program. The FHWA South Carolina Division partners with the S.C. Department of Transportation (SCDOT), S.C.
Department of Public Safety, metropolitan planning organizations, and other Federal/State/local agencies or groups in the development of transportation projects and safety initiatives. During fiscal year 2018, over $742,000,000 in Federal-aid highway funds were made available to the State of South Carolina for highway construction including the replacement of bridges, traffic control devices, roadway beautification, and congressionally designated projects. The FHWA South Carolina Division strives to remain a “Partner of Choice” and we pride ourselves in “Making What’s Good—Even Better” in South Carolina.

Div. Admin. ..................... EMILY O. LAWTON

**Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)**

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The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) was created within U.S. Department of Transportation on Jan. 1, 2000, pursuant to the Motor Carrier Safety Act of 1999 [Public Law No. 106-159, 113 Stat. (Dec. 9, 1999)]. The FMCSA, formerly a part of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is primarily responsible for establishing and enforcing safety and security requirements of motor carriers operations in interstate and foreign commerce. In addition, FMCSA has jurisdiction over hazardous material shippers, container manufacturers, and drums reconditioners. The FMCSR prescribe the qualification and hours of service for drivers, the reporting of accidents, inspections, drug and alcohol testing, and commercial driver licenses. FMCSA’s focus includes targeting high-risk carriers, shippers, and commercial drivers, improving safety information systems and motor vehicles technologies, as well as to increase public awareness. To accomplish these activities, the Administration works with federal, state, and local enforcement agencies, the motor carrier industry, labor and safety interest groups, and others.

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The U.S. Secret Service is mandated by statute and executive order to carry out two significant missions: protection and criminal investigations. The Secret Service protects the President and Vice President, their families, heads of state, and other designated individuals; investigates threats against these protectees; protects the White House, Vice President’s Residence, Foreign Missions, and other buildings within Washington, D.C.; and plans and implements security designs for designated National Special Security Events. The Secret Service also investigates violations of laws relating to counterfeiting of obligations and securities of the U.S.; financial crimes that include, but are not limited to, access device fraud, financial institution fraud, identity theft, computer fraud; and computer-based attacks on our nation’s financial, banking, and telecommunications infrastructure.

**Special Agent in Charge**

**JOHN HIRT**

**Department of Veterans Affairs**

**National Cemeteries**

The Beaufort National Cemetery was established in a letter signed by President Abraham Lincoln, February 10, 1863. The National Cemetery is operated by the Department of Veterans Affairs National Cemetery Administration for the interment of deceased active duty service men and women, veterans, and eligible dependents.

**Beaufort National Cemetery**

**1601 Boundary St., Beaufort 29902, Tel. (843) 524-3925**

The Beaufort National Cemetery is comprised of 44.1 acres of land. The cemetery is open for interments of casketed and cremated remains.

**Dir.**

**SONNY R. PEPPERS**
Florence National Cemetery
803 E. National Cemetery Rd., Florence 29506
Tel. (843) 669-8783
The Florence National Cemetery is comprised of 25 acres of land. The cemetery is open for interments of casketed remains and cremains.

Dir: CAROLYN A. HOWARD

Fort Jackson National Cemetery
4170 Percival Rd., Columbia 29229
Tel. (803) 699-2246; Toll Free: (866) 577-5248
The Fort Jackson National Cemetery, located in Richland County, opened for burials in 2009. The 50-acre interment area provides 5,704 full-casket gravesites, including 4,224 pre-placed crypts, 1,085 in-ground cremation sites and 2,000 columbarium niches.

Dir: GENE B. LINXWILER

Regional Counsel Area Office (02)
Dorn VA Medical Center
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Ralph H. Johnson Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center
109 Bee St., Charleston 29401-5799
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The mission of the Ralph H. Johnson Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center is to improve the health of the veteran population by providing primary, specialty and extended care, and related social support services through an integrated healthcare delivery system. The hospital has 129 operating beds including general medicine, surgery, neurology, and psychiatry beds in addition to a Nursing Home Care Unit. The VA is highly affiliated with the Medical University of S.C.

Med. Center Dir: SCOTT R. ISAACKS, FACHE
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The Wm. Jennings Bryan Dorn VA Medical Center (VAMC) opened in 1932 at its current location. Dorn VAMC is a 216 authorized bed facility (204 operating as of November 2012), which includes acute medical, surgical, psychiatric, and long-term care. The hospital provides primary, secondary, and some tertiary care. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2013, Dorn VAMC gained 2.8 percent in enrolled patients. In FY 2013, there were 75,813 unique patients including 6,381 female Veterans and 15,829 Veterans from the OIF/OEF/OND period of service. In FY 2013, there were 936,424 outpatient visits and 5,005 inpatients treated.

Dorn VAMC provides outpatient care through seven Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOC) located in South Carolina in the Upstate, Midlands, and Pee Dee areas of South Carolina. The seven CBOCs are located in Anderson, Florence, Greenville, Rock Hill, Orangeburg, Spartanburg, and Sumter. All clinics with the exception of Rock Hill are VA employee staffed. The Rock Hill CBOC opened on July 2, 2012, and a new Greenville VA Outpatient Clinic opened in August 2013. All clinics have a mental health component available.

Dorn VAMC is a level 1C teaching hospital, providing a full range of patient care services, with state-of-the-art technology, education, and research. Comprehensive health care is provided through primary care, tertiary care, and long-term care in areas of medicine, surgery, psychiatry, physical medicine and rehabilitation, cardiology, neurology, oncology, dentistry, geriatrics, and extended care.

Dorn VAMC was accredited by The Joint Commission as recent as February 2013. It was only 1 of 20 hospitals in South Carolina and, for the third year in a row, a Top Performer on Key Quality Measures. Dorn VA is also accredited by the American College of Surgeons and the Commission on Accreditation for Rehabilitation Facilities. Laboratory and Pathology services are accredited by the Commission on Laboratory Accreditation of the College of American Pathologists.
Veterans Benefits Administration and the University of South Carolina School of Medicine are located on the campus of Dorn VAMC and there are 48 residency positions between the two institutions. Other affiliations are robust for training of nurses and allied health professions. Similarly, medical center leadership has active relationships with the Department of Defense at Fort Jackson and Shaw Air Force Base.

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(VA) Outpatient Clinic  
3510 Augusta Rd., Greenville 29605-1334  
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The Clinic treats honorably discharged servicemen and women on an outpatient basis who are eligible under laws passed by Congress.

**Dir. Greenville Outpatient & Comm.-Based Outpatient Clinics** ...............RAMOTH COX, M.D.

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The regional office grants benefits and services provided by law for veterans, their dependents, and beneficiaries within the State of S.C.; services, adjudicates claims, and awards disability and death compensation and pension; handles guardianship and fiduciary matters; guarantees loans for purchase or construction of homes; administers educational benefits for war orphans, veterans, and under certain conditions, wives and widows of 100% war-disabled veterans; answers calls from nearly 3,000 Veterans each day.

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