Agriculture, U.S. Department of

APHIS, Plant Protection & Quarantine
4600 Goer Dr., Suite 104, N. Charleston, 29406
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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.

Aiken Area—(843) 607-8795; *Columbia Area*—(321) 288-4785; *Low-Country Area*—4600 Goer Dr., Suite 104, N. Charleston 29406, Tel. (843) 480-4334; *Midlands Area*—Tel. (803) 480-4339; *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. . . . . . .JEFFERY MEDLIN

USDA-APHIS

Veterinary Services
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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. TOWANA GUINYARD, DVM
Columbia

Farm Service Agency
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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 (ARCPLC); Conservation and Emergency Loans; Marketing Assistance Loans (MAL); Farm Storage Facility Loans; Dairy Margin Coverage Program (DMC); Margin Protection Program-Dairy (MPP-Dairy); 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); Organic Certification Cost Share Program (OCCSP); Emergency Forestry Restoration Program (EFRP); and Tree Assistance Program (TAP).

State FSA Chm. . . . . . .Anthony T. Grant
Mems.: . . . . . .Lawrence L. Weathers, Mary F. Green-Koon, Jefferson E. Wilson, English Warren Dixon
State Exec. Dir. . . . . . .LAURIE SLADE FUNDERBURK

USDA-National Agricultural Statistics Service Field Office
208-G Wholesale Lane
West Columbia 29172, Tel. (803) 734-2506
http://www.nass.usda.gov/sc

Functions: To conduct the Census of Agriculture every five years; to collect and publish livestock inventories and crop acreage and production each year, including the value of farm production and production expenditures; and the number of farms and land in farms.

State Statistician . . . . . .JACQUELINE MOORE

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, 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. . . . . . .Derrick JaSal Morris
Dep. Forest Supvr. . . . . . .Liz Struhar
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Natural Resources . . . . . .Larry Westcott
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Admin. Off. (Acting) . . . . . .Jennifer Weston-Spotts

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The Rural Development mission is to increase economic opportunity and improve the quality of life in rural communities. 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 Under 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.

State Dir. . . . . . .JACOB FRENCH
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Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
Strom Thurmond Fed. Bldg.
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 Agriculture Conservation and Easement Program (Wetland Reserved Easement & Agri-land Easement), PL-566 Small Watershed Program, Plant Materials Program, Conservation Innovation Grants, Regional Conservation Partnership Program, Environmental Quality Incentives Program, and the Conservation Stewardship Program.

State Conservationist . . . . . .ODESSA ARMSTRONG
Asst. State Conservationist for Partnership . . . . . .Salefu Solia
Asst. State Conservationist Mgmt. & Strategy . . . . . .John Turner
Asst. State Conservationist Field Ops-Newberry . . . . . .Daniel Westcot
Asst. State Conservationist Field Ops-Manning . . . . . .Shaun Worley
Asst. State Conservationist for Progs. . . . . . .Reginald Hall

Asst. State Conservationist
for Special Projects . . . . . .Reginald Liddell
State Conservation Engineer . . . . . .vacant
State Resource Conservationist . . . . . .Terrence Kelly
State Soil Scientist . . . . . .Kristine Ryan
State Public Affairs Specialist . . . . . .Alicia Allmond

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

(U.S. Department of Justice)

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, Jeremy Godsave, Resident Agent in Charge, Tel. (843) 763-3683; *Greenville Field Office*, 301 N. Main St., Suite 1802, Greenville 29601, Mike Horn, Resident Agent in Charge, Tel. (864) 282-2937; for questions involving Federal Firearms Licenses or Federal Explosives Licenses Industry Operations, Tel. (803) 251-4642

Commerce, U.S. Department of

International Trade Administration

Columbia U.S. Export Assistance Center (EAC)
1301 Gervais St., Suite 1100
Columbia 29201, Tel. (803) 397-4590

Charleston U.S. EAC-5300
1859 Summerville Ave., Suite 800
Charleston 29405, Tel. (843) 259-3736

Upstate U.S. EAC-555
30 Century Circle, Greenville 29607
Tel. (864) 561-6326

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
Strom Thurmond Fed. Bldg.
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, Mark Willis, *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
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Homeland Security, Department of

ICE, Homeland Security Investigations

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Resident Agent in Charge . . . . . .SCOTT STACHOWSKI
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Columbia 29201
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Resident Agent in Charge . . . . . .RUSSELL LINSTAD
301 N. Main St., Suite 1401
Greenville 29601
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Customs & Border Protection
Department of Homeland Security

Area Port of Charleston (Service)
200 E. Bay St., Charleston 29401

Area Port Dir. .....JACOB MAYER, Tel. (843) 579-6500
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Port of Myrtle Beach
1100 Jetport Rd., Myrtle Beach 29577

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Port of Columbia
2533-A Airport Blvd., West Columbia 29170

Port Dir. .....KYLE COLLINS, Tel. (803) 822-5251

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
(U.S. Department of Justice)

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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 .....199 Village Center Blvd.
Tel. (843) 236-1919
Rock Hill .....452 Lakeshore Parkway, Suite 200
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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—Albert Diaz, Charlotte, N.C.

Circuit Judges—Julius N. Richardson, Columbia; A. Marvin Quattlebaum, Jr., Greenville; DeAndrea Gist Benjamin, Columbia

Senior Circuit Judge—William B. Traxler, Jr., Greenville; Henry F. Floyd, Spartanburg

Clerk—Nwamaka Anowi

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—Timothy M. Cain, *Chief Judge*, Anderson; David C. Norton, Charleston; Richard M. Gergel, Charleston; Mary Geiger Lewis, Columbia; Bruce Howe Hendricks, Charleston; Donald C. Coggins, Jr., Spartanburg; Sherri A. Lydon, Columbia; Joseph Dawson III, Greenville, Jacquelyn D. Austin, Greenville

Senior Judges—Joseph F. Anderson, Jr., Columbia; Henry M. Herlong, Jr., Greenville; Cameron McGowan Currie, Columbia; Terry L. Wooten, Columbia; R. Bryan Harwell, Florence

Magistrates/Judges—Thomas E. Rogers III, Florence; Paige J. Gossett, Columbia; Shiva V. Hodges, Columbia; Kevin F. McDonald, Greenville; Kaymani D. West, Florence; Mary Gordon Baker, Charleston; Molly H. Cherry, Charleston; William S. Brown, Greenville

Clerk of Court—Robin L. Blume, Columbia
Div. Mgrs.—Peppa Caskey, Charleston; Billie Goodman, Columbia; Susan Roberts, Florence; Amanda Williams, Greenville
Court Reporters—Charleston: Karen Martin, Lisa Smith; Columbia: Jennifer Thompson, Carly Horenkamp, Kathleen Richardson; Florence: Robin Herrera; Greenville: Michele Becker, Debra Bull, Teresa Johnson
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Off. . . . . . .Mary Elizabeth Windham, Columbia

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U.S. Bankruptcy Court
J. Bratton Davis U.S. Bankruptcy Courthouse
1100 Laurel St., Columbia 29201
Tel. (803) 765-5436
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Chief Judge . . . . . .Helen Elizabeth Burris
Judge . . . . . .Elisabetta G.M. Gasparini
Judge . . . . . .L. Jefferson Davis IV
Clerk of Court . . . . . .Lauren T. Maxwell

U.S. Trustee (Department of Justice)
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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) . . . . . .Matthew W. Cheney
Asst. U.S. Trustee, Dist. of S.C. . . . . . .Linda Barr

Housing and Urban Development, Department of

Columbia Field Office
1835 Assembly St., Columbia 29201
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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.

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Interior, Department of the Fish and Wildlife Service

Regional Office, Southeast Region
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S.C. Lowcountry Refuge Complex

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Project Leader . . . . . .Durwin Carter

Cape Romain National Wildlife Refuge
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Refuge Mgr. . . . . . .Sarah Dawsey

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Tel. (843) 335-6023

Refuge Mgr. . . . . . .Allyne Askins

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Project Leader . . . . . .Nathan Hawkaluk

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.

Acting Center Dir. . . . . . .JOHN K. JOINER

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Ecological Services

Charleston Ecological Services Office

Field Supvr.—Christy Johnson-Hughes, 176 Croghan Spur, Suite 200, Charleston 29407, Tel. (208) 297-3804

Office of Law Enforcement

Special Agent—vacant, Contact Ecological Services for most current Special Agent, 176 Croghan Spur, Suite 200, Charleston 29407, 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

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National Park Service

Southeast Field Area
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Regional Dir. . . . . . .STAN AUSTIN

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Labor, U.S. Department of

Office of Apprenticeship

Strom Thurmond Fed. Bldg.
1835 Assembly St., Room 838
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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

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Apprenticeship & Training Rep. . . . . . .Cleveland Williams

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
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Asst. Dir. (Charleston) . . . . . .Jose Garcia
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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.

Dist. Dir. . . . . . .PAMELA QUINN

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 . . . . . .BRIAN WASHINGTON
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U.S. Postal Inspection Service, Atlanta Division

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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.

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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 and microloan programs; disaster assistance; procurement opportunities and minority enterprise development programs to the public on a nondiscriminatory basis.

Dist. Dir. . . . . . .MELISSA L. LINDLER
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Social Security Administration

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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 Retirement, Survivors and Disability Insurance, Medicare Programs, and Supplemental Security Income to needy aged, blind, and disabled low income individuals.

Area Dir. for S.C. . . . . . .OTTO WILSON
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The Federal Highway Administration is the key Federal agency in S.C. for highway transportation issues. The primary mission of the FHWA is to deliver a world-class transportation system that advances safe, efficient, equitable, and sustainable mobility choices for all while strengthening the Nation's economy. 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 2025, over $1,031,086,282 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.

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The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) was created within the 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 vehicle 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

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Department of Veterans Affairs

Department of Veterans Affairs National Cemeteries

The VA's National Cemetery Administration (NCA) honors Veterans and their eligible family members with final resting places in national shrines and with lasting tributes that commemorate their service and sacrifice to our Nation. NCA operates 143 national cemeteries and 33 soldiers' lots and monument sites in 42 states and Puerto Rico. More than four million Americans, including Veterans of every war and conflict, are buried in VA's national cemeteries.

Beaufort National Cemetery
1601 Boundary St., Beaufort 29902
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Established in 1863 the historic 44-acre Beaufort National Cemetery, located in Beaufort County, provides burial options for casketed and cremated remains. The oldest national cemetery in South Carolina with over 22,000 gravesites, the cemetery will continue to serve Veterans' needs until 2043. The cemetery was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1997.

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Florence National Cemetery
803 E. National Cemetery Rd., Florence 29506
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Established in 1864, the historic 38-acre Florence National Cemetery, located in Florence County, provides burial options for casketed and cremated remains. 13.35 acres of additional land purchased in 2019 will allow for upwards of 30,000 new interments, enough to serve the local Veteran population for the next 100 years. The cemetery was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1998.

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Fort Jackson National Cemetery
4170 Percival Rd., Columbia 29229
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Established in 2009, the 584-acre Fort Jackson National Cemetery, located in Richland County, will serve Veterans' needs well into the next century. The current 50-acre interment area provides 5,760 full-casket gravesites, 2,011 in-ground cremation sites and 2,000 columbarium niches. A 20-acre expansion project scheduled for completion in December 2021 has begun and will provide an additional 6,631 caskets and 2,376 in-ground cremation sites.

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The Ralph H. Johnson VA Health Care System is a tertiary care teaching hospital that has long been recognized as a top hospital nationally, within the VA and outside of the VA, providing the highest-level quality complex care from cardio-thoracic

and neurosurgery to primary and mental health care for approximately 80,000 Veterans along the South Carolina and Georgia coast. Rated as the top hospital in South Carolina for patient care, the healthcare system includes six community-based outpatient clinics, a full range of inpatient and outpatient care, including medical and surgical intensive care, a women's health clinic, a state-of-the-art 3D printing facility, a cardiothoracic surgical center, and transplant medicine. For more information, visit www.charleston.va.gov.

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The William Jennings Bryan Dorn VA Medical Center (WJBD) opened in 1932 at its current location and has since expanded to include seven community-based outpatient clinics (CBOCs) located throughout South Carolina. The seven CBOCs located in Anderson, Florence, Greenville, Orangeburg, Rock Hill, Spartanburg, and Sumter counties serve eight sub-markets and 32 counties. In 2018, WJBD area of responsibility was officially renamed the Columbia Health Care System. The medical center is a level 1C teaching hospital delivering a full range of patient care services utilizing 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. The facility is accredited by the American College of Surgeons, the Commission on Accreditation for Rehabilitation Facilities in the Health Care for Homeless Veterans Program, the Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Recovery Care, the Outpatient Interdisciplinary Pain Program, the Mental Health

Intensive Case Management Program, and the Commission on Laboratory Accreditation of the College of American Pathologists. All surveys and accreditation visits since January 2016 have been successful including the Joint Commission Survey, the CAP Survey and the Unannounced Community Living Center Survey. The medical center has a Molecular Pathology Section that conducts cutting edge technological tests (e.g. polymerase chain reaction (PCR), HCV Genotype, CT/NG, HPV, etc.) to all VA medical facilities across VISN 7 (Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina). The facility and the University of South Carolina School of Medicine recently opened a new Simulation Center that will be used for current and future health care professionals.

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The Clinic treats honorably discharged servicemen and women on an outpatient basis who are eligible under laws passed by Congress.

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The Columbia VA Regional Office administers benefits and services provided by law for Veterans, their dependents, and beneficiaries within South Carolina and across the nation as one of 56 regional offices in the Veterans Benefits Administration. Approximately 800 assigned employees provide the following services: disability claims adjudication; fiduciary appointment and oversight for Veterans and beneficiaries residing in GA, FL, NC, and SC if unable to manage their VA

monetary benfits; vocational rehabilitation and employment services to Veterans with an employment handicap; outreach and assistance regarding all VA benefits to include VA home loan guaranty, life insurance, and educational benefits.

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