

2026 Annual Accountability Report

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AGENCY'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

During Fiscal Year 2026 (FY 2026), the South Carolina Department of Commerce (S.C. Commerce) successfully continued advancing its mission to create opportunities for all South Carolinians by strengthening economic growth, expanding rural prosperity, enhancing global competitiveness and supporting long-term resilience. Guided by a vision that embraces change to ensure the state's long-sustainable advantage, the agency's divisions worked collectively to drive meaningful impact.

From January to December 2025, S.C. Commerce announced total capital investment of **$9.12 billion in capital investment –** representing the **third-highest total on record –** and **more than 8,100 new jobs.** Rural recruitment of both capital investment as well as new jobs accounted for more than 40% of the overall totals – the highest percentages since 2010.

Recruitment was led by sectors including Information Technology and Software Development ($5.03 billion), Wood and Paper Products ($801.4 million) and Automotive ($736.1 million). Domestic investment led the state's total capital investment in 2025, accounting for 83% of all projects. Of all international investment sources, known as foreign direct investment, South Carolina welcomed Ireland to its top three markets of origin which also included Germany and Japan, respectively.

Note: These numbers reflect **announced projects and do not include projects not publicly announced.*

These results reflect coordinated work across S.C. Commerce's four external-facing divisions (listed below) – as well as the agency's internal support divisions. Together, these teams ensure companies can succeed from launch to legacy.

- The **Global Business Development (GBD) division.** This is the state's economic development sales team for attracting and retaining industry.
- 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 S.C. companies throughout the entire business lifecycle – providing a host of services and resources to help them achieve long-term success.
- The **SC NEXUS** division. This team oversees South Carolina's federally designated tech hub which aims to be a global leader in advanced resilient energy.

The interconnected work of these divisions reinforces the state's reputation as the place where companies can thrive. Acting as dedicated partners throughout the entire business life cycle, these divisions help foster sustained growth for both the companies that choose to locate here and the South Carolinians they employ. Highlights of the many accomplishments achieved by these four divisions in FY 2026 include the following.

INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT

- Achieved export sales totaling **$38.5 billion** – a **seven-year high** reflecting 1.5% growth and aligning with overall U.S. exports – demonstrating the strong, continued global demand for S.C.-made products.
- **Topped U.S. states** in the **export sales** of both **completed passenger vehicles** and **tires**.
- Ranked **second nationally in the export of ball/roller bearings**, commonly used in the automotive, aerospace, industrial machinery and energy sectors.
- Signed a **Joint Declaration of Intent** (JDI) **between S.C. and Germany**, the first such agreement of its kind between Germany and a U.S. state, bolstering economic development between the two regions.
- Signed an **MOU between S.C. and Ontario**, creating a formal framework to deepen the regions' economic relationship and pursue joint opportunities in priority sectors such as mobility, aerospace, life sciences, energy and critical minerals.
- **Led S.C. companies** as part of delegations to **major international trade shows and mission trips** – including Farnborough International Show (England), Medica (Germany), JEC World (Paris), WHX (Dubai), a UK mission with SC NEXUS, and a mission to Ireland with state leadership – helping these companies elevate brand visibility and expand their customer base.
- Planned, coordinated and executed the **annual Southeastern United States-Canadian Provinces (SEUS-CP) conference** – aimed at fostering trade and investment collaboration between the two regions – in Greenville. The 2026 event marked the first time S.C. hosted in 12 years as well as the **highest participation in the B2B program** in **SEUS-CP's 20-year history. Canada** has **consistently** been **one of S.C.'s top trade partners** and **sources of foreign direct investment.**

SERVICES FOR SOUTH CAROLINA BUSINESSES

- Served **895 individual companies** through Business Services' robust portfolio.
- Completed **472 site visits with existing industry companies,** providing connections to county, regional and state-level resources – ensuring at least one company engagement in all 46 counties.
- Conducted **131 export-focused consultations** with existing businesses statewide and hosted four webinars to help companies navigate trade policy to ensure compliance.
- Expanded supplier engagement through **26 B2B matchmaking and outreach events** that connected **35 OEMs** with more than **500 suppliers** and generated **44 sourcing requests.**
- Completed **more than 265 unique supplier interactions,** facilitating **228 new additions to the SourceSC Directory.**
- Hosted the **inaugural 2026 Women's Summit**, partnering with the Greater Women's Business Council, attracting over 150 S.C. leaders for networking, collaboration and industry insights.
- Attracted eight recycling companies that announced new investments in South Carolina, totaling **$438 million and 648 new jobs**.
- **Completed 137 recycling consultations** with businesses across multiple sectors including life sciences, automotive manufacturing and advanced manufacturing.
- Administered the **largest Site Enhancement Initiative program** – deploying **$80 million in grant funds** to strengthen S.C.'s portfolio of competitive industrial product and advance high-impact site development opportunities statewide.

- Achieved significant growth in the Palmetto Sites Program, with **43 sites submitted during the FY** – an **approximate 80% increase** over the historical average of 24 sites – substantially expanding the pipeline of properties undergoing due diligence and competitiveness evaluation.
- Coordinated private-sector engagement and response for multiple weather events, including January 2026 winter storms and Tropical Storm Imelda, conducting **over 30 total preparedness and impact-assessment engagements** with businesses and partners.
- Ensured critical business-related emergency messaging is getting to the appropriate contacts – the number of businesses and partners receiving the **ESF-24 emergency newsletter and alerts is now 5,541**.
- Enabled more efficient emergency communication through the **SC Emergency Business Resources Dashboard,** which was **accessed 397 times for Tropical Storm Imelda** and **821 times during winter weather** events, significantly reducing direct inquiry volume to ESF-24 staff at the state's emergency operations center.
- Established a **unified state-federal working group** – bringing together S.C. Commerce's Emergency Management team, the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) Critical Infrastructure/Key Resources (CI/KR) and Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity (SC CIC) programs, and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) – to **strengthen support** for South Carolina's **critical infrastructure stakeholders**, conducting site visits with major partners such as Boeing, LANXESS, and Volvo, and developing new outreach materials to expand awareness and engagement statewide to **strengthen safety, continuity of operations** and **emergency communications** in an **evolving risk landscape**.
- Deployed the **Innovation & Entrepreneurship** (I&E) **Ecosystem Insights Survey** to better **assess regional needs** to determine the health and status of the entrepreneurial ecosystem across the state from static to developing to thriving.
- Updated the **Relentless Challenge Grant to feature two tracks** – Innovation and Traditional Small Business – transitioning the pilot two-year StimulateSC Grant into the new Traditional Small Business track. This expansion provides both innovation-based and traditional small business entrepreneur support organizations with the opportunity to apply for grants for programs that break down the barriers to entrepreneurship. From 2025-26, **Traditional Small Business Track grants increased 33.3%,** and **grant dollars increased by 32.8%**, reflecting strong demand for early-stage companies and those seeking to bring ideas to market.

RURAL AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- Completed Phase One of the **Rural Development Strategic Planning Initiative**, creating strategic plans for the cities of Union, Chesterfield, Bishopville, Orangeburg, Bamberg, Walterboro, Conway and Gaffney. A subsequent round was completed for Barnwell, Marion, Mullins, McCormick, Kingstree and Winnsboro, totaling **14 completed strategic plans**. Six additional plans are in progress, and three county seats remaining to complete the initiative.
    - These plans, developed in collaboration with the S.C. Commerce Rural Development team, experienced consultants, local leadership and public input, serve as comprehensive, data-driven **guides with clear, actionable projects** that have potential to significantly improve the quality of life in these cities and surrounding communities.
- Advanced implementation through the Rural Development team's **commitment to provide eligible follow-up funding for each completed plan**. The city of Bishopville has completed its

catalyst project – an alleyway park on Main Street called "Legends Way." Bamberg, Chesterfield, Conway, Gaffney, Marion, McCormick, Orangeburg, Union and Walterboro have active implementation projects underway.

- Announced the launch of a **new, annual competitive grant program** – the **Rural Development Initiative** – supporting implementation-ready projects designed to strengthen S.C.'s rural communities. For the first time, Rural Development has funding to address distressed areas in Tier 1 and Tier II counties. The initiative promotes strategic investments that enhance economic competitiveness, improve infrastructure, expand housing opportunities, revitalize downtowns and public spaces, and improve quality of life – positioning communities for long-term prosperity. This fiscal year's funding comprises $10M from the S.C. Coordinating Council for Economic Development (CCED) and the General Assembly.
- Awarded **$19.8 million** in two **Community Development Block Grant** (CDBG) funding rounds, investing in **35 units of local government** to create healthy, resilient and sustainable residential communities through new infrastructure construction and improvements to existing infrastructure assets and funded public facilities, services and other activities that strengthen existing communities and support a high quality of life and economic growth.
- Recommended **$6.1 million in Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Area Development Program funds** to be awarded to innovate, partner and invest to build community capacity and increase economic growth in Appalachia South Carolina through nine projects, such as the clearing of a former mill site which was designated as a brownfield, allowing for redevelopment to benefit a distressed county in the region. To date, ARC has approved $1 million in funding for two projects.
- Awarded **$4.7 million in Southeast Crescent Regional Commission (SCRC) State Economic and Infrastructure funds** for **24 projects** that support basic infrastructure, natural resource preservation, business development and workforce capacity. These investments include projects that revitalize and transform communities, such as the comprehensive development and management of a new recreational facility – the Black River Water Trail and Park Network – in partnership with the S.C. Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism.

SC NEXUS

In FY 2026, S.C. Commerce's fourth external-facing division, SC NEXUS, continued to oversee the SC Nexus for Advanced Resilient Energy, one of 31 Regional Technology and Innovation Hubs nationwide. Led by S.C. Commerce, the tech hub brings together more than 50 members with a shared goal of establishing South Carolina as a global leader in advanced resilient energy by developing, testing and deploying exportable electricity technologies and tools. During its second year as a division, SC NEXUS aggressively built out various projects and secured additional support – accomplishments below.

- Generated significant economic development results, supporting the announcement of **18** advanced energy **companies**, over **$2.56 billion in capital investment** and over **2,500 jobs**.
- Launched **SC NEXUS website and Asset Map,** providing a platform to showcase S.C.'s advanced energy ecosystem.
- Unveiled the **Catalytic Funding Grant Program** to accelerate commercialization, technology development and innovation across the ecosystem.

- Hosted the **inaugural SC NEXUS Energy Innovation Summit**, convening industry, government, academia, utilities, entrepreneurs and economic development partners to enhance collaboration and further the state's advanced energy strategy.
- Received federal approval of expansion, making **SC NEXUS the first and only Tech Hub with a statewide designation**.
- Launched **Entrepreneurship & Innovation Exchange (eiX),** in collaboration with the SC Research Authority, establishing a statewide innovation and commercialization program that supports advanced energy startups, entrepreneurs and technology commercialization.
- Represented South Carolina on the **first international SC NEXUS trade mission to the UK**, positioning the state as a global destination for advanced resilient energy investment.
- Strengthened collaboration by aligning SC NEXUS with S.C. Commerce's Global Business Development (GBD) and Business Services teams to proactively identify, recruit and support advanced energy companies.
- Coordinated with university and national laboratory partners to **advance the design, construction and implementation** of **South Carolina's three advanced energy testbeds**, with infrastructure development on schedule for **completion by summer 2027** – aligning the state with nationally significant research, testing, validation and commercialization capabilities to support industry growth and innovation.
- Advanced **workforce development** through the **Education & Workforce Center (EWC**) by awarding over **$790,000 in scholarships** to **230 technical college students** and expanding employer-driven workforce initiatives to support S.C.'s growing advanced energy sector.
    - EWC's **K-12 program** was deployed **statewide** in **over 50 schools** in **20 counties**, impacting more than **3,100 students** and **220 teachers**.
    - Reduced financial barriers for **prospective electrical lineworkers** through **increased scholarship opportunities.**

Delivering the positive outcomes noted above not only involves collaboration between S.C. Commerce's four external-facing divisions, but it also takes partnership between those divisions and the agency's support divisions. Some of the many ways the support divisions enabled the agency's work to fulfill its mission, are highlighted below.

Marketing and Communications (MarComms) division continued to integrate the Launch to Legacy brand across the agency and throughout external channels following the successful internal rollout and Phase One paid media campaign. To further extend the brand's reach and impact, MarComms executed several key initiatives:

- Building on the strong performance of Phase One, the division launched **Phase Two** to **deepen brand awareness in select U.S. markets** as well as **Munich, Germany,** and **London, England**—locations of S.C. Commerce's international economic development offices. From October 2025 to May 2026, the campaign delivered meaningful engagement and stronger connections with target audiences.
    - **Expanded audience reach:** 362K new users visited campaign landing pages, reflecting effective messaging.
    - **Increased website engagement:** Engaged website sessions increased 135%, signaling **higher-quality traffic**.

  - **High-performing campaign content:** Landing pages (English and German) recorded **736K page sessions, up from 199K the previous period**, and accounted for more than 60% of total page views.
  - **Strong combined domestic and international range:** Media delivered over 51 million impressions to C-suite leaders, business development executives and venture capitalists.
  - **LinkedIn drove international traffic:** The platform generated **92% of direct visits from international media.**
  - **New creative boosted performance:** Video completion rate increased 64% from start to end of campaign.

- Initiated a **major website redesign**, utilizing the state procurement process, to enhance user experience, integrate multiple ancillary sites, support translation into six languages, improve search functionality and deliver **relevant information to audiences across South Carolina, the nation, and the world.**
- Planned and delivered the **third Annual Governor's Economic Summit** in January, attracted more than **300 attendees** from industry, economic development organizations, institutions of higher education and state government.

During FY 2026, the **Information Management and Technology (IMT) division** continued to play a pivotal role in advancing agency-wide technology initiatives. One major milestone was the agencywide migration to the Microsoft Cloud, representing the first state agency to completely migrate to the cloud. This migration provides numerous advantages, including enhanced security, greater reliability and reduced support costs. IMT executed several other efforts that align with the division's strategic focus on operational efficiency:

- **Upgraded teleconferencing equipment agencywide,** including all conference rooms and collaborative spaces.
- Commenced the **Customer Relationship Management (CRM) Sales Lifecycle project** to **improve recruitment** and **support processes** – aligning with enterprise goals.
- Developed a **Grants Portal** to **allow grant recipients to more efficiently report on hiring progress** which streamlines compliance monitoring for agency staff.
- Followed the successful launch of the Project Portfolio Management (PPM) tool by formally **establishing a Project Management Office (PMO)** which was migrated into IMT. During FY 2026, the PMO tracked **101 total projects (representing enterprise and division level), completing 43 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. During FY 2026, the **Human Resources (HR) division** offered several opportunities for growth from the first day of employment and beyond, including:

- Implemented a **10-month training schedule** that included both **virtual and in-person** opportunities. Training topics ranged from Leadership and Management, Communication, Employee Performance Management System, Work Life Balance, Data Literacy, Civil Treatment

for Leaders and Employees, Workplace Challenges, Commerce and Economic Development 101, and more.

- Delivered or provided **23 training sessions during FY 2026, totaling 63 hours**.
- Launched **SuccessFactors online Employee Performance Management System.** HR worked directly with State Division of Human Resources to implement the system. HR revised the model policy, communicated the changes and trained staff on the new process and system.
- Planned and executed **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**.
- Launched an additional feature to the interview process for candidate pre-screening. The agency implemented **Spark Hire, an automated virtual interview platform** that allows candidates to respond to pre-selected questions via video. Hiring officials can review candidates recorded responses at any time, **providing greater flexibility in the screening process**. HR has received overwhelmingly positive feedback, with the tool proving to be an effective and efficient method for identifying the most qualified candidates to advance to the panel interview stage.

S.C. Commerce's divisions carry distinct responsibilities, but they are united by a shared commitment to making a meaningful difference for South Carolinians. The agency remains steadfast in its dedication to expanding opportunities that empower citizens to build their own legacy while strengthening the state's competitive advantage.

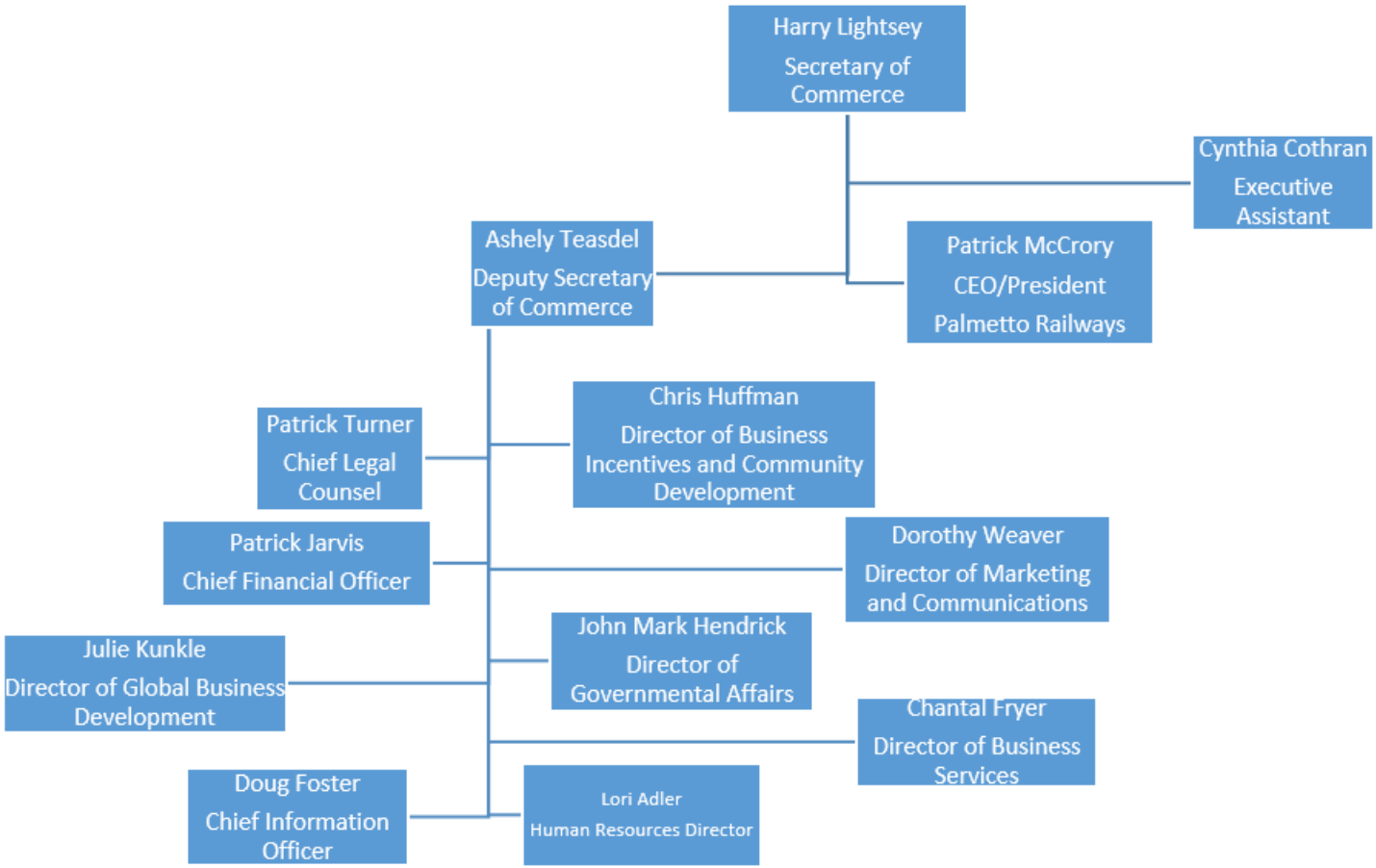
Looking toward the next fiscal year and beyond, S.C. Commerce will continue to prioritize thoughtful risk assessment and mitigation strategies to secure economic development that benefits the state now and well into the future. Ongoing evaluation of the economic development climate within South Carolina, across the nation and around the world, ensures the agency is poised to engage effectively with existing and prospective companies – reinforcing the state's hard-earned reputation as a business-friendly destination.

At the same time, rapid pace of technological changes presents challenges for states and industries alike. S.C. Commerce is committed to helping industry and stakeholders navigate these transformative shifts by elevating awareness, accelerating the commercialization of emerging technologies and refining a targeted strategic development approach that meets evolving resource and innovation demands.

To build on this momentum, S.C. Commerce will continue working to diversify the state's economic portfolio. By prioritizing the recruitment of corporate headquarters, expanding the life sciences sector, advancing leadership in advanced energy and maintaining a strong focus on advanced manufacturing, the agency is positioning South Carolina for sustained growth, resilience and long-term success.

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AGENCY ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



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Reorganization and Compliance

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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 FY2026

Description of Event	Start	End	Agency Measures Impacted	Other Impacts

Historic Site Enhancement Investment: Successfully administered the largest Site Enhancement Initiative in program history, deploying a historic $80 million investment to strengthen South Carolina's portfolio of competitive industrial product and advance high-impact site development opportunities statewide.	September	June	Add quality sites to revised building and sites database (LocateSC)	
Record Palmetto Sites Participation: Achieved significant growth in the Palmetto Sites Program, with 43 sites submitted during the fiscal year — approximately an 80% increase over the historical average of 24 sites — substantially expanding the pipeline of properties undergoing due diligence and competitiveness evaluation.	August	June	Add quality sites to revised building and sites database (LocateSC)	Uptick attributed to requiring PS as part of site readiness grant. Another reason utilities are now a critical component of site selection by consultants and companies, so communities are seeing the value of Palmetto Site.

SC & Germany - Signed Joint Declaration of Intent (JDI) to establish a formal economic partnership between South Carolina and Germany designed to attract new jobs and investment, accelerate innovation, and expand business opportunities in South Carolina.	November	November	Meet or Exceed capital investment goal established by agency	Overall impact: Strengthens South Carolina's economic relationship w/ Germany and creates new pathways for job creation, capital investment, innovation, and long-term business growth in the state.
SC & Ontario - signing of MOU creates a formal framework for South Carolina and Ontario to deepen their economic relationship and pursue joint opportunities in priority sectors such as mobility, aerospace, life sciences, energy and critical minerals.	June	June	Meet or Exceed capital investment goal established by agency	Overall impact: Strengthens South Carolina's economic relationship with Ontario and creates new pathways for job creation, capital investment, innovation, and long-term business growth in the state.

Hosted SEUS-Canadian Provinces (CP)	June	June	South Carolina's ranking of states in exports per capita	Overall impact: Strengthens South Carolina's economic relationship with Canada and creates new pathways for job creation, capital investment, innovation, and long-term business growth in the state.

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).	Yes
Reason agency is out of compliance: (if applicable)	
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).	Yes
Does the law allow the agency to promulgate regulations?	Yes
Law number(s) which gives the agency the authority to promulgate regulations:	**S.C. Code §13-1-350(4)(u)**
Has the agency promulgated any regulations?	No
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?	Yes

(End of Reorganization and Compliance Section)

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Strategic Plan Results

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	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	**Implement a targeted marketing strategy to promote new investment and job creation**									**State Objective: Public Infrastructure and Economic Development**				
1.1.1	Meet or Exceed capital investment goal established by agency	$8,971,000,000	$9,000,000,000	$9,884,533,719	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	9,289	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.	2.00	3.00	2.00	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	12.00	8.00	1.00	Rank	equal to or less than	Calendar Year	Global Business	Bureau of Economic Analysis. U.S. Department of Commerce. Foreign Direct Investment in the United States, 2024. Bureau of Labor Statistics. U.S. Department of Labor. Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, Annual Average Employment	https://www.bea.gov/international/di1fdiop https://data.bls.gov/cew/apps/data_views/data_views.htm#tab=Tables	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	605,500	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	

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1.1.6	Followers on LinkedIn - 10% increase	30,370	33,407	34,182	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	
1.2	**Increase Emphasis on recruiting jobs to rural communities of SC**										**State Objective: Public Infrastructure and Economic Development**			
1.2.1	Meet or Exceed goal established by agency for jobs recruited in rural areas of SC.	1,632	2,500	3,578	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.	22.00%	20.00%	43.15%	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	
2.1	**Build on the strengths of the state's existing industries**										**State Objective: Public Infrastructure and Economic Development**			
2.1.1	Engage with existing businesses to provide focused export advisement	130	120	131	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	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)	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	
2.1.3	Number of companies visited as a result of the agency Existing Industry Visitation Program	481	450	472	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	

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2.1.4	Calls addressed by agency concerning recycling industry inquiries	147	150	137	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	Onboarded new employee in October 2025. Being down an FTE in the Recycling Program during July- OCtober, decreased capacity for direct outreach and engagement. Despite this, program only came up 13 engagements short of goal.
2.2	**Build on the strengths of the state's small businesses**									**State Objective:**	**Public Infrastructure and Economic Development**			
2.2.1	Number of resources and connections provided to entrepreneurs, small and innovation-driven businesses.	332	300	276	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	Program reorientation (SB & Innovation to I&E), plus new staff member onboarded in mid-December 2025 likely contributed to lag. Finished 24 off target.
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	500	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	Several factors contribute here: Comapred to last year, S.O. held 2 less direct matchmaker events for OEMs (7 this year vs. 9 last year), also, more expansions vs. large OEM newly recruited contributed to less direct matchmaker events for new to the state companies.24-25 fiscal year also saw 3 OEMs host multi-day matchmaker events (Redwood, 3 Days, Izusu 2 days, eVAC 2 days) which the S.O. team did not have this current year.
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	91	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	The 91 event number takes in the totality of events hosted by organizations who were awarded Relentless Challenge Grant. These include events over and above the specific initatives the organization took on for their RCG award and demonstrates the growing need for networking, access to capital, and training in the Innovation and Entrepreneurship ecosystem.
2.3.2	Number of new applications initiated under the 3Phase program	86	30	68	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	

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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)	340	250	350	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	338	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	13	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	22	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	291	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	4.9	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**				

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4.1.1	Numbers of Partners/Companies involved in grants funded in the current year with Applied Research Fund Dollars	15	15	12	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	The Agency was short of the target due to a slight programmatic redesign, which caused a temporary pause in projects.
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%	96.99%	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	60	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	110	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	
6.1.3	Host educational forums across the state to build awareness of projects and encourage community and business participation.	0	4	7	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	

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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	70	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	11	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	
6.1.6	Secure stopgap funding to sustain CIBI, GECO, EDGE, and the EWC, ensuring continuity of critical testbeds and workforce programs.	0	$2m	$1.5m	Dollar amount	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	The full $2 million was not required to meet testbed and project stop-gap needs.
6.1.7	Designate funding to support entrepreneurship initiatives through eiX, fostering innovation and speeding technology commercialization.	0	$0.7m	$0.8m	Dollar amount	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	

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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.

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1.1	**Implement a targeted marketing strategy to promote new investment and job creation**									**State Objective: Public Infrastructure and Economic Development**			
1.1.1	Meet or Exceed capital investment goal established by agency	$9,884,533,719	$5,000,000,000	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	9,289	7,500	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	10	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	1	5	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, 2024. Bureau of Labor Statistics. U.S. Department of Labor. Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, Annual Average Employment	https://www.bea.gov/international/di1fdiop https://data.bls.gov/cew/apps/data_views/data_views.htm#tab=Tables	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	

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1.1.5	First-time visitors to SC Commerce website - 5% increase	605,500	635,775	Count	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	#REF!
1.1.6	Followers on LinkedIn - 10% increase	34,182	37,600.20	Count	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	#REF!
1.2	**Increase Emphasis on recruiting jobs to rural communities of SC**									**State Objective: Public Infrastructure and Economic Development**			
1.2.1	Meet or Exceed goal established by agency for jobs recruited in rural areas of SC.	3,578	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.	43.15%	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	
2.1	**Build on the strengths of the state's existing industries**									**State Objective: Public Infrastructure and Economic Development**			
2.1.1	Engage with existing businesses to provide focused export advisement	131	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	

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2.1.2	South Carolina's ranking of states in exports per capita	10	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)	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	
2.1.3	Number of companies visited as a result of the agency Existing Industry Visitation Program	472	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	137	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/prospects interested in coming to SC. Calls may also include residents, and other entities looking for recycling assistance	6001.050100.000	
2.2	**Build on the strengths of the state's small businesses**									**State Objective: Public Infrastructure and Economic Development**			
2.2.1	Number of resources and connections provided to entrepreneurs, small and innovation-driven businesses.	276	250	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	

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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	500	500	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	Designate funding to the SC Innovation ecosystem via the Relentless Challenge Grant Innovation Track	0	5	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year	Number of awardees	Office Records	Internal Files	Provide opportunities for the innovation community to create new programs that remove barriers to tech based economic development to help grow and foster the ecosystem	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	68	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**			
3.1.1	Add quality sites to revised building and sites database (LocateSC)	350	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)	338	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	13	9	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	

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3.2.2	Number of predominantly LMI communities that received CDBG funding to preserve neighborhoods through revitalization, development or elimination of blight	22	16	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	291	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	4.9	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**			
4.1.1	Numbers of Partners/Companies involved in grants funded in the current year with Applied Research Fund Dollars	12	6	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	96.99%	90%	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**			

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6.1.1	Feature at conferences, forums, and in digital media to showcase South Carolina's leadership in advanced energy and raise national visibility.	60	45	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.	110	100	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	
6.1.3	Host educational forums across the state to build awareness of projects and encourage community and business participation.	7	5	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	70	50	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	

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
6.1.5	Refer qualified projects to Global Business Development to align opportunities with the state's recruitment and expansion strategy.	11	15	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	
6.1.6	Secure Federal funding streams, including Dream and NSF Engines, to support grid resilience activities in and beyond South Carolina	$1.5m	$65 million	Dollar amount	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 state-appropriated funding to support entrepreneurship initiatives through Build to Scale and DREAM, fostering innovation and speeding technology commercialization.	$0.8m	$2.2 million	Dollar amount	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	

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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	$ 1,288,391.77	-	$-	$ 1,288,391.77	$1,291,972.00	$0.00	$-	$1,291,972.00
0200.050000.000	Financial Services	Finance, budget and human resources services for the agency	$ 1,396,585.25	$ 285,514.16	$-	$ 1,682,099.41	$1,320,510.00	$285,000.00	$-	$1,605,510.00
0200.500000.000	Information Technology	Information technology functions for the agency	$ 584,273.51	$ 121,061.35	$-	$ 705,334.86	$412,435.00	$172,149.00	$-	$584,584.00
6000.010900X000	Public-Private Partnerships	Public-Private Partnerships that the agency has agreements with to perform certain services	$ 85,000.00	-	$-	$ 85,000.00	$100,000.00	$0.00	$-	$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	$0.00	$-	$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	$0.00	$-	$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.	-	$ 329,924.95	-	$ 329,924.95	$-	$356,697.00	$-	$356,697.00

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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.	$ 2,042,094.98	-	-	$ 2,042,094.98	$2,188,370.00	$0.00	$-	$2,188,370.00
6000.120200X000	Business Development & Marketing	Marketing strategies utilizing the State's brand in recruiting industry and attracting investments to the State.	$ 1,450,379.94	-	-	$ 1,450,379.94	$1,000,000.00	$-	$-	$1,000,000.00
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	$0.00	$-	$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.	$ 3,713,451.35	-	-	$ 3,713,451.35	$22,300,000.00	$-	$-	$22,300,000.00
6000.300500X000	Applied Research Centers	Collaborative Program related to industry cluster research needs and higher institutions capabilities	$ 1,275,016.63	-	-	$ 1,275,016.63	$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.	$192,451.54	$-	$-	$ 192,451.54	$246,438.00	$-	$-	$246,438.00
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.	$ 2,330,299.39	-	-	$ 2,330,299.39	$2,374,502.00	$-	$-	$2,374,502.00

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6000.012500X000	FOREIGN OPERATIONS	To fund Commerce's foreign operations - offices, contractors, etc.	$ 3,348,578.44	-	-	$ 3,348,578.44	$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.	$ 10,147,404.85	-	-	$ 10,147,404.85	$12,500,000.00	$-	$-	$12,500,000.00
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.	$ 2,198,554.64	$ 33,207.67	$ 118,727.69	$ 2,350,490.00	$2,362,900.00	$-	$-	$2,362,900.00
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.	-	$ 43,189,191.94	-	$ 43,189,191.94	$-	$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.	$ 374,279.31	-	$ 23,819,557.37	$ 24,193,836.68	$556,717.00	$-	$35,000,000.00	$35,556,717.00
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

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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.	$ 1,530,786.03	-	-	$ 1,530,786.03	$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.	$ 914,725.15	$ 8,032.74	-	$ 922,757.89	$3,903,753.00	$5,000.00	$-	$3,908,753.00
9500.050000.000	State Employer Contributions	The state funded program used to record employer contributions for the agency.	$ 3,243,690.29	$ 566,372.47	$ 234,826.72	$ 4,044,889.48	$3,784,351.00	$603,795.00	$235,000.00	$4,623,146.00
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.	$ 9,986,972.84	-	-	$ 9,986,972.84	$-	$-	$-	$0.00
9804.870000X000	Rural School District & Economic Development Closing Fund	To assist eligible local governments in achieving success for their communities.	$ 2,740,151.56	-	-	$ 2,740,151.56	$1,694,542.04	$-	$-	$1,694,542.04
9806.320000X000	Locate SC Site Inventory	To assist local governments in achieving success for their communities through product development.	$ 4,189,081.50	-	-	$ 4,189,081.50	$75,810,918.50	$-	$-	$75,810,918.50
9808.290000X000	Gallo Economic Development Project	Non-Recurring Funding for Gallo economic development project	$-	$-	$-	-	$1,416,476.78	$-	$-	$1,416,476.78
9807.880000X000	STRATEGIC ECONOMIC D		$ 8,547,317.49	-	-	$ 8,547,317.49	$31,897,698.58	$-	$-	$31,897,698.58

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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.	$ 58,350.00	-	-	$ 58,350.00	$3,362,556.84	$13,251,395.56	$-	$16,613,952.40
9832.070000X000	PROJECT CONNECT	Act 3 - Joint Resolution. Funding for Project Connect	$ 498,407,931.20	-	-	$ 498,407,931.20	$236,162,914.70	$-	$-	$236,162,914.70
9903.953400.000	P32 BRKLEY-VOLVO II	To fund Volvo Phase II	-	$ 17,849,999.99	-	$ 17,849,999.99	$-	$-	$-	$0.00
9905.953500.000	P32 PROJ DRIFT-ED BD	ED Bond funding for Project Drift	-	$ 10,297,668.93	-	$ 10,297,668.93	$-	$-	$-	$0.00
9811.560000X000	STRATEGIC MARKETING	Non-Recurring Funding for the agency's strategic marketing efforts	$ 1,520,450.40	-	-	$ 1,520,450.40	$1,069,643.42	$-	$-	$1,069,643.42
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.	$ 1,998,000.00	-	-	$ 1,998,000.00	$1,689,500.00	$-	$-	$1,689,500.00
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	$2,000,000.00	$-	$-	$2,000,000.00
9904.953600.000	P32 PROJ SAMURAI-ED	ED Bond funding for Project Samurai	-	$ 37,385,292.68	-	$ 37,385,292.68	$-	$5,338,649.00	$-	$5,338,649.00
9905.953800.000	P32 PROJ PANTHER-ED	ED Bond funding for Project Panther	$-	$11,245,600.00	$-	$ 11,245,600.00	$-	$25,000,000.00	$-	$25,000,000.00
9806.020100X000	IRISH TRADE COMM	Earmarked appropriations for the SC/Ireland Trade Commission	$8,982.91	$-	$-	$ 8,982.91	$150,000.00	$-	$-	$150,000.00

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Legal Data

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P320 - DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
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

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
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
12-10-10	State	Statute	Creates the Enterprise Zone Act of 1995.	Not related to agency deliverable	Not Related to agency deliverable	No Change
12-10-20	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

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
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
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
12-21-6540	State	Statute	Requires Commerce to manage the Tourism Infrastructure Fund.	Requires a service	Manage Tourism Infrastructure Fund	No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
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
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
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
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

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13-1-1320	State	Statute	Establishes definitions for Division of Public Railways	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
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

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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
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

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
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
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

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
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
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

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
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
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

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
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

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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

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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
13-7-810	State	Statute	Establishes Nuclear Advisory Council in SC Nexus at the Department of Commerce	Not related to agency deliverable.		No Change
13-7-860	State	Statute	Requires SC Nexus to provide staff support to Nuclear Advisory Council	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

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
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
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 FY2026
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
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

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
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
58-43-10	State	Statute	Establishes economic development utility rates; requires Commerce to designate which electric utility customers will have a substantial benefit on the state as "transformational customers."	Not related to agency deliverable.		No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
58-43-20	State	Statute	Authorizes PSC to give preferential rate to qualifying or transformation customers designated by Commerce.	Not related to agency deliverable.		No Change
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.		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
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 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
Proviso 50.1	State	FY26-27 Proviso	Any proceeds from the sale of publications may be retained in the agency.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
Proviso 50.10	State	FY26-27 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	FY26-27 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
Proviso 50.12	State	FY26-27 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	FY26-27 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	FY26-27 Proviso	Establishes the guidelines for funds authorized to the SC Mfg Extension Partnership.	Distribute funding to another entity	SCMEP	No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
Proviso 50.15	State	FY26-27 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	FY26-27 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	FY26-27 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	FY26-27 Proviso	This proviso allows certain funds to be used for state-owned rail infrastructure projects.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
Proviso 50.19	State	FY26-27 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

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Proviso 50.2	State	FY26-27 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 50.20	State	FY26-27 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
Proviso 50.21	State	FY26-27 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 50.23	State	FY26-27 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	No Change

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Proviso 50.24	State	FY26-27 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	No Change
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		No Change
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
Proviso 50.3	State	FY26-27 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	FY26-27 Proviso	Allows the carry forward of funds collected from SC companies for trade shows.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
Proviso 50.5	State	FY26-27 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	FY26-27 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
Proviso 50.7	State	FY26-27 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	FY26-27 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	FY26-27 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

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
Proviso 50.28	State	FY26-27 Proviso	Sets guidelines for disbursement of Rural Development appropriations.	Funding agency deliverable(s)		Added
39-80-100	State	Statute	Establishes South Carolina-Bahamas Trade Commission, requires agency to provide administrative support, and names the Secretary of Commerce or his designee as a Commission member.	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve	Requires that all funds received by Commission be allocated to defray costs of administration.	Added

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Services Data

as submitted for the Accountability Report by:

P320 - DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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 FY2026	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.	No Change	
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.	No Change	

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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	
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	

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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	
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	

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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	

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Partnerships Data

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P320 - DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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

Type of Partner Entity	Name of Partner Entity	Description of Partnership	Change to the partnership during the past fiscal year
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
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

Type of Partner Entity	Name of Partner Entity	Description of Partnership	Change to the partnership during the past fiscal year
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
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

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 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.	No Change

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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.	No Change

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Reports Data

as submitted for the Accountability Report by:

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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 2025	Annually	Governor or Lt. Governor AND Legislative entity or entities	Provided to LSA for posting online	https://s3.amazonaws.com/cdn.sccommerce.com/scdoc-public/inline-files/P320%20Annual%20Accountability%20Report%20FY25.pdf?VersionId=SS7IY8x3s9GwzAcdBI8aGQCJ3USp6Q7z	No Change	
Annual Report - CCED Fund Activity	§12-10-85 & §12-28-2910	Outlining of CCED activities during the previous calendar year.	March 2026	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Available on agency's website	https://s3.amazonaws.com/cdn.sccommerce.com/scdoc-public/2026-03/CCED%20Annual%20Report%202025%20-%20FINAL.pdf?VersionId=qPRKfmktqBrff_zmaJyJC8wStBbdu8ye	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 2026	Annually	Legislative entity or entities	Available on agency's website	https://s3.amazonaws.com/cdn.sccommerce.com/scdoc-public/2026-05/2025%20EZ%20Annual%20Report.pdf?VersionId=uaU8N9LflHAQW8N117EjfHiqNYe3fVFi	No Change	
Annual Report - Palmetto Partners	Proviso 50.5 of the FY2025-26 Appropriation Act	Annual activities of the Palmetto Partners.	June 2026	Annually	Governor or Lt. Governor AND Legislative entity or entities	Provided to LSA for posting online	https://osa.sc.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/DEPARTMENT-OF-COMMERCE-Palmetto-Partners-FINAL-REPORT.pdf	No Change	
Bank Account Transparency	Proviso 117.78 of the FY2025-26 Appropriation Act	Activity related to agency bank accounts.	September 2025	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Available on agency's website	https://s3.amazonaws.com/cdn.sccommerce.com/scdoc-public/inline-files/P320%20-%20CBA%20Report%20FY24-25%20-%20Final.pdf?VersionId=yJbY4lpsPPyiWA9Z2IaHJlmF0hheoTky	No Change	
Council on Competitiveness	Proviso 50.16 of the FY2025-26 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 FY2025-26 Appropriation Act	Fines and Fees collected by agency during the year.	August 2025	Annually	Legislative entity or entities	Available on agency's website	https://s3.amazonaws.com/cdn.sccommerce.com/scdoc-public/2025-09/P320%20Fines%20and%20Fees%20Report%20-%20FY25.pdf	No Change	
Independent Audit - Division of Public Railways	§13-1-50	Annual audit for Palmetto Railways	June 2026	Annually	Other	Available on another website	https://osa.sc.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/Palmetto-Railways-2025-Financial-Statements.pdf	No Change	
Outstanding Debt Report	Proviso 117.33 of the FY2025-26 Appropriation Act	Outstanding Debt Report for agency.	February 2026	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 FY2025-26 Appropriation Act	Outlining of recycling activities during the calendar year.	March 2026	Annually	Governor or Lt. Governor AND Legislative entity or entities	Available on another website	https://www.recyclinginsc.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Recycling-Market-Development-Advisory-Council-2025-Annual-Report.pdf	No Change	

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SC Manufacturing Extension Partnership	Proviso 50.14 of the FY2025-26 Appropriation Act	Activities related to the SC Manufacturing Extension Partnership.	October 2025	Annually	Legislative entity or entities	Electronic copy available upon request	Available upon request	No Change	

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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
  - FY2026 Strategic Plan Results
  - FY2027 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.

AGENCY DIRECTOR *(SIGN AND DATE)*:	**SIGNATURE ON FILE**	**Signature Received:** 09/15/2026
(TYPE/PRINT NAME):	Harry M. Lightsey, III- Secretary of Commerce	

BOARD/CMSN CHAIR *(SIGN AND DATE)*:	**N/A**
(TYPE/PRINT NAME):	