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To: Pisarik, HollyHollyPisarik@gov.sc.gov  
CC: Chip Hoodchip@clemson.edu  
Date: 12/30/2015 3:43:58 PM  
Subject: Fwd: Suite

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Here is the edited version. Thanks, Angie

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Chip Hood <chip@clemson.edu>  
Date: December 30, 2015 at 3:22:11 PM EST  
To: Angela Leidinger <angiel@clemson.edu>  
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-----Original Message-----

From: Ed Poliakoff [ed.poliakoff@nelsonmullins.com]  
Received: Wednesday, 30 Dec 2015, 1:02PM  
To: Chip Hood [chip@clemson.edu]  
Subject: FW: Suite

Chip:  
Hope this format will suffice, as I'm operating today without AA.

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### Ed Poliakoff

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From: Chip Hood [<mailto:chip@clemsun.edu>]  
Sent: Wednesday, December 30, 2015 12:10 PM  
To: Ed Poliakoff  
Cc: Angela Leidinger  
Subject: RE: Suite

Ed,

That looks good to me. Can you send a clean version with your changes accepted that we can forward to Holy?

Thanks, Chip

-----Original Message-----

From: Ed Poliakoff [[ed.poliakoff@nelsonmullins.com](mailto:ed.poliakoff@nelsonmullins.com)]  
Received: Wednesday, 30 Dec 2015, 10:52AM  
To: Chip Hood [[chip@clemsun.edu](mailto:chip@clemsun.edu)]  
CC: Angela Leidinger [[angiel@clemsun.edu](mailto:angiel@clemsun.edu)]  
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From: Ed Poliakoff

Sent: Tuesday, December 29, 2015 9:26 PM

To: Chip Hood ([chip@clemson.edu](mailto:chip@clemson.edu))

Cc: Angela Leidinger ([angiel@clemson.edu](mailto:angiel@clemson.edu))

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**Good work Chip! This approach calls for the Governor to sign a "prior written approval" as provided by SC Code Section 2-17-90 (A)(6), stating (to the effect) that the Governor's attendance in the Clemson University suite will involve activities reasonably and directly related to state economic development efforts, due to other attendees' significant involvements in economic development activities. I will get something to you tomorrow morning regarding how we would disclose. For ready reference I have excerpted below the pertinent statutory language.**

Ed

**SECTION 2-17-90.** Acts prohibited of lobbyists' principals; acts prohibited of public officials and employees; exceptions; disclosure requirements.

(A) Except as otherwise provided under Section 2-17-100, no lobbyist's principal may offer, solicit, facilitate, or provide to a public official or public employee, and no public official or public employee may accept lodging, transportation, entertainment, food, meals, beverages, or an invitation to a function paid for by a lobbyist's principal, except for:

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(6) as to public officials or public employees, activities reasonably and directly related to state or local economic development efforts. However, the public official or public employee first must obtain prior written approval from:

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(b) any statewide constitutional officer, in the case of himself or any of his employees;

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(C) Except as otherwise provided by subsection (E), any public official or any public employee who is required to file a statement of economic interests under Section 8-13-1110 and who accepts lodging, transportation, entertainment, food, meals, or beverages under subsection (A) or (G) must report on his statement of economic interests pursuant to Section 8-13-1120 the value of anything received.

(D) Except as otherwise provided by subsection (E), a lobbyist's principal extending an invitation under subsection (A) must report all expenses as required by Section 2-17-35.

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From: Chip Hood [<mailto:chip@clemson.edu>]

Sent: Tuesday, December 29, 2015 7:00 PM

To: Ed Poliakoff

Cc: Angela Leiding

Subject: Suite

Ed,

Holly is comfortable with the approach we discussed this evening. She plans on getting the Governor to sign in advance certifying the economic development purposes. She asked if we could share a draft with her of how we'd report this out on our lobbyist filing -- no expense to Clemson but with details.

I've attached a draft. Can you edit/revise as needed. I'm also checking on whether food and beverage is provided by the Bowl or if we are paying for that...if so I assume we'll need to report something out on that value.

Angie and I are free in the morning if we need to discuss.

Thank!!!

Chip

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