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The State Senate is out of session until January 2014. I hope that you find this update helpful and informative. If I can help you with an issue, please let me know.

**SRS -- Impact of Federal Government Shutdown**

**Latest Information from DOE :** As of yesterday, DOE stated that as a result of the lapse in appropriations and the nature of available funding, DOE directed Savannah River Remediation (SRR), the liquid waste disposition contractor at the Savannah River Site (SRS), to execute the furlough of employees yesterday. Employees needed to maintain liquid waste facilities in a safe and non-operating mode will not be furloughed. Affected employees will be furloughed until Congress acts on a resolution to fund the liquid waste program. However, if a resolution is not achieved in the near term, DOE will have to take further action. SRR furloughed 1440 employees on Friday, Oct. 4, 2013 and placed liquid waste operations in safe standby condition. DOE says that there are no other furlough announcements for other contractors yet. SRNS continues to assess their current funding situation in view of the government shutdown.

**Credit Monitoring Update**

**What is the latest?** : Two weeks ago, the State Budget and Control Board issued an Intent to Award a contract to **CSIdentify Corporation (CSID)** for the purpose of continuing credit monitoring/ID protection services to South Carolinians and businesses affected by the October 2012 data breach of state computers. CSID's services provided under the contract will be available to eligible individual taxpayers (including minors and adult dependents) and eligible business taxpayers affected by the Department of Revenue security breach of 2012 beginning

October 24, 2013. Services for enrolled participants will end on October 31, 2014.

**CSID will make the following services available to eligible individuals:**

- **Daily Transunion (credit agency) credit monitoring.**
- **Change of address monitoring** : Monitors and reports if and when an enrolled participant's mail has been redirected to a new address.
- **Pay Day loan monitoring** : Alerts enrolled participants if a pay day loan is established using their identity.
- **Court and Criminal records monitoring** : Tracks municipal court systems and alerts enrolled participants if a criminal act is committed using their identity.
- **Social Security Number trace** : Monitors and notifies enrolled participants when fraudulent names, aliases, and addresses become associated with their SSN.
- **Cyber monitoring** : Alerts enrolled participants to their information being bought/sold/traded in the online black market.
- **Child identity monitoring** : Provides a report of all the names, addresses, and aliases found in public records associated with enrolled children's SSN. Also monitors for a child's information being bought/sold/traded in the online black market.
- **One million dollar identity theft insurance policy** .
- **Full service identity restoration services** : Offered to all eligible persons even if they have not enrolled in the CSID services.

**CSID will make the following services available to eligible businesses:**

- **Monitor Service** : Monitors for information concerning business domain names, credentials, and static IP address information as provided by businesses.
- **Business Alerts** : Alerts businesses in real time to incidences of compromised credentials and malware.

**What Should You Do?** : CSID will provide more information about the enrollment process on or before October 24, 2013. Eligible persons currently enrolled in Experian services do not have to wait for their Experian coverage to expire to enroll with CSID. As your state senator, I will send out the information by email as soon as I have it.

**Who is CSID?** : CSID is a Texas based company which not only offers credit monitoring, but also provides identify monitoring solutions along with full service identity theft restoration services.

**How Long is the Contract and the Cost?** : The State will pay \$8.5 Million for the first year of the CSID contract with the option to renew for four additional one year periods at the state's sole discretion. The Experian contract for the past year was a \$12 Million contract.

**What If I Purchase My Own Credit and/or Identity Protection?** : If you choose to purchase your own protection service, you can deduct a portion of that cost from your state income taxes.

**What Should I Do If Experian Sends Me An Option to Renew?** : The Experian service is good for one year of monitoring from the date that you signed up. Experian began sending out renewal solicitations two weeks ago. These emails may confuse you. You can certainly choose to accept Experian's offer but it will be on your dime and the State will not pay for the renewal of the Experian service for you. Any money that you spend with Experian (or any other protection/monitoring service) may be deductible on your state income taxes. Visit [www.sctax.org](http://www.sctax.org) for the latest information.

### USC Aiken

**Good News â€“ USC Aiken** : USC Aiken is ranked in the top three among top public regional colleges in the South in the 2014 edition of *U.S. News & World Report's* guide, "America's Best Colleges" for its 16th consecutive year. Ever since *U.S. News & World Report* created this ranking category sixteen years ago, the University has been ranked in the top three public regional colleges every year and has been ranked first nine times: 2002, 2003, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013.

**USC Aiken – State of the University** : On September 12, Dr. Sandra Jordan presented the annual State-of-the-University address which can be viewed [here](#). At the presentation, she mentioned the *Forward Together* process and introduced the University's new strategic plan. Information about the plan is available [here](#).

### State Government News

**DEW Unemployment Trust Fund Update** : The S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce (DEW) released its annual report last week providing information about the state's unemployment taxes, unemployment benefit payments, federal loan payments, and the state's trust fund balance. To pay unemployment benefits, the state borrowed almost \$1 Billion from the federal government between December 2008 and April 2011. To date, \$545 Million has been paid back. The state is scheduled to repay the entire amount by the end of 2015. To see the full report, go [here](#).

**Regulationsâ€“Comments Encouraged** : The Governor's task force is meeting to review regulations and to recommend ways to reduce, improve, and simplify regulatory burdens. The group's report is due November 15, 2013. Public comments are encouraged. To provide comments to the Governor's Task Force on any regulation, email the task force at [GovRegTaskForce@scommerce.com](mailto:GovRegTaskForce@scommerce.com).

**Planning for the 2013 Legislative Session** : The 2013 legislative session convenes on January 14. I appreciate input from constituents on the critical issues facing our state and area including tax reform; spending reform; K-12 education; the costs of higher education; health care; economic development; job growth; and the underfunded liabilities in our state's health insurance program for state retirees. Your input is welcome on any issue important to you. Please email me back or contact me by phone or in person at your convenience.

### Other Local Topics of Interest



**Seminar on Nuclear Industry** : On October 24, Citizens for Nuclear Technology Awareness (CNTA) is providing a half day forum at USC Aiken on how nuclear-related activities impact the state's economy and how these activities impact local communities. To learn more, go [here](#).

**Volunteer in Local Schools**: If you would like to help with educating our children, consider volunteering in our local schools. To learn more, please click [here](#). Thank you to the Aiken Downtown Rotary Club for putting together this list of opportunities.

**Email Updates** : While I send these email updates every week during the legislative session, I will not send them as often between now and January since the legislature is out of session. I plan to send at least two a month between now and January.

### **Constituent Information**

**Legislative Email Updates** : Locally, three members of the House of Representatives, who represent portions of Aiken County within Senate District 24, send regular email updates. Their respective contact information to get on their email lists to receive their email updates are as follows:

- Rep. Bill Hixon (Dist. 83): [bill@billhixon.com](mailto:bill@billhixon.com)
- Rep. Bill Taylor (Dist. 86): [bill@taylorscheuse.com](mailto:bill@taylorscheuse.com)
- Rep. Don Wells (Dist. 81): [dwells29801@gmail.com](mailto:dwells29801@gmail.com)

**Congressman Joe Wilson Contact Information**: Congressman Wilson now represents all of Aiken County. He has staff in Aiken County with office hours in Aiken and in North Augusta. His office number is 608-9747.

**Speaking with Groups Around the District** : If you are involved with a local group that would like for me to attend a meeting to provide a legislative update, please let me know.

**Report Waste, Fraud and Abuse in State Government** : To report waste, fraud and abuse in state government, you can call: 1-855-SC-FRAUD.

**Facebook**: I have a Facebook page for Senator Tom Young. Please "like" the page to receive updates during the week from me on Facebook.

**Tom Young's Website** : My website can be reached at [www.senatortomyoung.com](http://www.senatortomyoung.com). There are links to a variety of constituent services; the status of sponsored bills; and roll call votes. Please add my web site as a bookmark on your computer.

**Small Business Help " SC Dept. of Commerce** : The South Carolina Department of Commerce has helpful information for small business owners and employees. To learn more, go to <http://sccommerce.com/sc-business-network>.

**Save for College - Future Scholar 529 College Savings Plan** : South Carolina's 529 College Savings Plan Future Scholar offers special tax benefits for South Carolina residents. To learn more or to enroll, go to [www.FutureScholar.com/parents](http://www.FutureScholar.com/parents).

**Request a Flag** : If you would like to request a state or U.S. flag flown over the State Capitol in Columbia, please let me know at [tom@senatortomyoung.com](mailto:tom@senatortomyoung.com). Flags vary in cost according to their size and their material from which they are made.

**State House Tours** : Tours are available for the S.C. State House by calling (803) 734-2430. If you set a tour between January and June and it is on a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, please let me know so I can do my best to see you.

**Thoroughbred Country-- South Carolina Regional Tourism Organization** : To learn more about tourism in the four county region of Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, and Barnwell, visit [www.tbredcountry.org](http://www.tbredcountry.org).

**Email Updates** : If you know of people in or around District 24 who do not receive my updates but they would like to get them, please email their names and email addresses to me.

**Road Issues** : If you see a road problem such as a pothole needing repair, call the SCDOT at 641-7665 or Aiken County at 642-1532 to report the problem. If you do not get a prompt response, please let me know at [tom@senatortomyoung.com](mailto:tom@senatortomyoung.com) or call me. Generally, most paved roads in the County are maintained by SCDOT and are identified on the road sign poles by a small black and white sign listing the road number, such as S-2-1669. Most unpaved roads in the County are maintained by the County.

Thank you for the opportunity and the honor to represent you. Please let me know if I can help you in any way or if you have questions about these or other issues. Your feedback is meaningful and appreciated.

Sincerely,

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