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Subject: The Engineering Industry and South Carolina Economic Development

Attachments: Carolinas_Engineering_Cluster_Brochure.pdf

Katherine,

Thanks for the quick response. Sorry to hear that Rachel Card is leaving. I am looking forward to working with you.

The Engineering Community in South Carolina is represented by organizations / engineers from government, academia, industry and professional societies. We work together for a variety of reasons that include standards / safety issues, government relations, education support for future engineers and now, economic development. Top level Engineering in South Carolina is represented by the Carolinas Engineering Cluster. Our web site is at,

www.carolinasengineeringcluster.org

Our Steering Committee is at,

<http://www.carolinasengineeringcluster.org/index-1.html>

My conversations with Governor Haley were in response to a earlier communications from the Governors office asking if the engineering community could work with the state to provide support for economic development. Our answer is YES. The Engineering Deans of the four engineering schools have already met to begin discussions about how to provide academic support to the effort. South Carolina Department of Commerce (David Clayton) was a part of the initial meeting to ensure that what we do, is in support of SC DOC and their mission.

Next we will include industry and others in our planning to ensure that we bring together state wide multi-organization resources to help develop our economic potential.

2014 is moving fast. I have just completed a series of trips and meetings with people from around the world. These trips were used to bench mark what we are or not doing versus other efforts around the world. The findings from my bench marking is that certain parts of the world are extremely well organized with respect to attracting new investment. The rest of the world is coming along quickly so we need to integrate our efforts across the state to ensure we that we are proactive. Given the international nature of the South Carolina engineering community, if we work together to organize our relationships, we can promote our state to any entity in the world.

Finally, to promote the state, we are developing a special publication with SC BIZ that will showcase the state's engineering industry. We would like the Governor's Office to be involved in this publication since it will be sent to people and companies around the world.

Let me know when we can meet in person or by phone. I will be traveling to Columbia tomorrow if you have a opening in your schedule tomorrow morning or afternoon after 2:30 PM.

Sincerely,

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On Wed, Dec 18, 2013 at 2:46 PM, Card, Rachel <RachelCard@gov.sc.gov> wrote:

Hi Lee,

It was great meeting you last night. I would love to talk further and see how the Governor or I can help you.

Please let me know if you would like to schedule a call later this week or early next week.

Regards,

Rachel

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