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Looping Holly in. Holly - anything here?

Rob Godfrey
Office of Gov. Nikki Haley

On Feb 11, 2016, at 8:17 PM, Hitt, Bobby <bhitt@scommerce.com> wrote:

You know anything about this? This was sent to our friends at Boeing. Based on 500 people and \$24,000 that's about \$50 a person in back pay.

Bobby Hitt
Sent from my iPad

From: Sausser, Lauren [<mailto:lsausser@postandcourier.com>]
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2016 2:13 PM
To: Merida, Elizabeth A
Subject: Dept. of Labor investigation

Elizabeth,

I'm writing an article for next week about a 2014 Department of Labor investigation. The federal government determined that the S.C. Department of Vocational Rehabilitation had been paying it disabled workers too little money. At the time, the workers were assigned to a Boeing project. In the end, the federal government determined that the state agency owed more than 500 employees back pay. It wasn't a huge amount of money – approximately \$24,000 total.

The whistleblower for this investigation was fired from the state agency after he raised concerns that disabled workers weren't being paid appropriately and now he's suing the state for damages.

Because there is a Boeing component to this story, I obviously wanted to reach out to you all for comment.

Was Boeing aware of the federal investigation into this state agency? Does the company have an ongoing relationship with the S.C. Department of Vocational Rehabilitation?

I appreciate your help. My deadline is 4 p.m. Monday.

Lauren

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