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Attachments: 2015-4-23 Workforce Amendment.docx
Workforce Development Coordination Act Summary.pdf

Below is the updated workforce email. I highlighted info still needed. KV

Chairman Alexander and Lisa,

Thank you for meeting with us to discuss workforce development. Below are follow ups from our meeting.

1. The current language we received regarding a potential workforce bill (Workforce Development Coordination Act Summary).
2. Our suggested language / amendment to Workforce Development Coordination Act.
3. Background and **membership** information about the State Workforce Investment Board (SWIB).
 - a. The State Workforce Investment Board (SWIB) is designed to support career pathways for low-skilled adults, youth, and individuals with barriers to employment. Federal law charges the SWIB with the development and continuous improvement of the workforce system in South Carolina. The SWIB is also responsible for developing performance accountability measures for core workforce programs and avoiding duplication by identifying and removing barriers to coordination.
 - b. A majority of the 31-member board are business leaders. Other members include legislators of the South Carolina Senate and House, local elected officials, workforce partners and representatives of community-based organizations.
4. Background on SC Works
 - a. SC Works Online Services the link all of South Carolina's state and local workforce services and resources. The partners are the SC Department of Employment and Workforce and South Carolina's 12 Workforce Investment Boards, which administer SC Works Centers throughout the State of South Carolina. Job Seekers can find a job, create a resume, post a resume for employers, and access training and education services. Employers can find a candidate, register job openings, and analyze the labor market.
 - b. <https://www.scworks.org/>
5. **Current Workforce Services**
 - a. In partnership with our world class tech system, local workforce offices and the Department of Employment and Workforce help job seekers access employment, education, training, and support services to succeed in the labor market and to match employers with the skilled workers they need to compete in the global economy. Case managers help unemployed and underemployed people find a suitable job as quickly as possible by providing benefits and services tailored to their needs. Job seekers can receive training referrals, career counseling, job listings, and similar employment-related services in person or online; and employers can access a database of people ready to work.
6. **Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment for all counties in South Carolina Information**
 - a. South Carolina is growing fast. Our economy has grown with more than 155,000 jobs since

January 2011, and currently, there are more than 70,000 open jobs available in South Carolina. (labor force, those working and actively seeking work, is a record 2.2 million. 54 percent of the state's jobs require more than a high school diploma or equivalency, but less than a four-year degree. All this opportunity proves we can do more than train and certify South Carolinians – we can connect them with real, high-demand jobs that are available now.

Please let us know if you need any additional information.

We appreciate all your support.

Thank you,

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