



State of South Carolina

Office of the Governor

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Dear Agency Director,

As our state approaches the next budget year, we again are seeking to prioritize spending and structure our operations in a way that provides maximum efficiency to the taxpayers of South Carolina. Setting priorities remains essential as we reflect on the fiscal challenges we faced during this past budget cycle and will likely face next year. Factor in other issues such as the \$20 billion in unfunded liabilities tied to our retirement systems, and prioritization of spending will be as important as ever.

It is for that reason we begin the fifth year of the *Budgeting for Results* process. Enclosed you will find the activity templates and instructions in the format I'd ask you to use. These forms should be completed and submitted to the Office of State Budget no later than August 8, 2008. As we move ahead in this process, we will continue our efforts to craft a budget that moves our state in the right direction.

Thanks again for your hard work on behalf of South Carolinians and take care.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Mark Sanford".

Mark Sanford

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Enclosure