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Subject: Re: SC PRT 57 million destination marketing campaign ! Performance measures ?

Duane I again have not received all records of your dealings with a Beaufort county company BFG Ad agency on the states 57m contract with this company under my SC foia request ?
Copy of 5 yr contract
Copy of where and how all money was spent and to who over this last year?
Confirm 8m paid to BFG over 5 yrs to invest this money is correct ?
Is there an cancelation provision for non performance ?
How did Hilton head , Myrtle beach and Charleston benefit or did you do as you said you were and spent the money on other parts of the state since these resorts had enough of there own money? Saying this tell me how much state funds went to these destinations for matching funds etc ?

Our experts can not analyze this in behave of state tax payers without seeing all ! Thx

John please send your added list of all you want to include proven performance measures to analyze by our team of destination marketing experts . Thx

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On Aug 31, 2015, at 1:25 AM, Skip Hoagland <skiphogland@yahoo.com> wrote:
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Duane tell me why under what rational you would pay an ad agency in SC approx 8 million to invest approx 44m to buy marketing and promotion for SC ? Correct me if I am wrong on these numbers ?

Why would you not run this Inhouse as a state function and hire 2 destination marketing experts at a top salary say at even 150 k each to promote and market the state with support staff say 3-5 . So 5 yrs say 3 million in overhead versus an ad agency at 8 m ? Plus this agency had no destination marketing background or success whatsoever . I attended the governors conference for tourism and was not impressed on what they new .

You pay our company 4 m and i will toss in the brand southcarolina.com <<http://southcarolina.com>> and guarantee you better proven performance measures than what you are now receiving . I see you and Kevin meany owner of the ad agency took my last advice and not focusing so much on a BBQ sandwich . Sad to say you both still do not get what you must do to promote a state versus a city or country . I have been in this business for 30 yrs and was a founder of the geo domain association . And as you both know I own southcarolina.com <<http://southcarolina.com>> much better brand than what you are spending millions on to brand . Discoversouthcarolina.com <<http://Discoversouthcarolina.com>>

It's all about a great brand and great content with a great internet strategy to reach people for state interest which is not easy to do . Travelers aren't going to a state they are going to a city . Very few will search a state with the exception of few like New York , Florida , Utah most search a city destination .

What am I missing ? Or need to learn ?

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