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"It's a GREAT day in South Carolina!"

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Governor -- First and foremost, thanks for the opportunity to brief you and your staff on our efforts. We appreciate your time, your great support, and your guidance in moving ahead.

1. We will begin conceptualizing your guidance regarding grant administration and construction management. Given what I know at this point, we are building the business case to consider three contracts. The first would be to administer the grant, the second to audit the grant, and the third for project management. The questions that arise from above include 'how' grants would be administered and who would be the responsible state agency. I am really struggling with the best way to provide the quality control to implement the strategy, but a centralized approach may provide both unity of effort and transparency. With the appropriate contract, my team may be best suited to accomplish this mission. That said, I found out today following our meeting that a contract signed in 2010 may trump the current RFP process. I am working with Swati to see what options we may have to ensure the best contractor is available to implement the strategy.
2. We have developed a Long-Term Community Recovery Planning (LTCRP) Guide to supplement a product created by the University of North Carolina to aid communities in initiating the LTCRP process. This includes the 'how'

portion of creating a LTCRP Steering Group, devising a community recovery vision and setting up a 501(c)3 non-profit organization to request recovery resources and funding. This guide consolidates several states' best practices and lessons learned from past natural disasters. In the long term we are seeking viable organizations which possess the intellectual capacity and wherewithal to build resilient communities. Examples of this include seeking grant money to build storm water runoff systems, increased drainage capacity, and water retention ponds to increase resiliency in an effort to build us back stronger than before. None of this is going to be easy, BUT your offer to host the first meeting with key stakeholders is going to get us off on the right foot!

3. We conducted a reconnaissance this week in the Gills Creek/South Beltline areas of Richland County. In many cases, there is still no electricity and homeowners are forced to use generators running dehumidifiers to dry out houses. We also found that gutting of many houses remains a challenge as bank-owned properties are essentially abandoned, thus no one can go in them to conduct muck and gut operations. In some cases, homeowners are leaving for weeks with no authorizations given to anyone else, so the houses are becoming hazards. I am concerned that this may be the tip of the iceberg around the state.
4. Finally, there is a lot of concern regarding flood plain management and future requirements. In many cases, both homeowners and Volunteer Agencies are not conducting repairs until decisions are made by local governments and they can determine if it is financially feasible to repair (or raise) their houses. No one wants to rebuild a home that will get "red-tagged" or be adversely impacted by over-regulation.
5. We provided briefings to volunteer agencies, One SC Fund, United Way, and the SC Housing Solutions Task Force regarding our vulnerability analysis. The importance of understanding this relationship is to assist these groups in their prioritization of limited resources to address rebuilding efforts and unmet needs population. Next week, we have scheduled several briefings for key influencers.
6. I made a commitment to Richland One School District before the storm to be a Principal for a day on Monday. I am going to keep the commitment, but only for half a day. I will be at Webber Elementary School in Eastover. I am told its' students were some of the worst hit in the county. I am hoping to gain some insights on the flood from their perspective AND that of their teachers.

Respectfully,

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