

Agency Name:	Department Of Commerce		
Agency Code:	P320	Section:	50



## Fiscal Year FY 2024-2025

## Agency Budget Plan

### FORM A - BUDGET PLAN SUMMARY

**OPERATING  
REQUESTS**  
*(FORM B1)*

<b>For FY 2024-2025, my agency is (mark "X"):</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Requesting General Fund Appropriations.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Requesting Federal/Other Authorization.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Not requesting any changes.

**NON-RECURRING  
REQUESTS**  
*(FORM B2)*

<b>For FY 2024-2025, my agency is (mark "X"):</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Requesting Non-Recurring Appropriations.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Requesting Non-Recurring Federal/Other Authorization.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Not requesting any changes.

**CAPITAL  
REQUESTS**  
*(FORM C)*

<b>For FY 2024-2025, my agency is (mark "X"):</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Requesting funding for Capital Projects.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not requesting any changes.

**PROVISOS**  
*(FORM D)*

<b>For FY 2024-2025, my agency is (mark "X"):</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Requesting a new proviso and/or substantive changes to existing provisos.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Only requesting technical proviso changes (such as date references).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Not requesting any proviso changes.

Please identify your agency's preferred contacts for this year's budget process.

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>
<b>PRIMARY CONTACT:</b>	Patrick Jarvis	(803) 737-0462	pjarvis@scommerce.com
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I have reviewed and approved the enclosed FY 2024-2025 Agency Budget Plan, which is complete and accurate to the extent of my knowledge.

	<u>Agency Director</u>	<u>Board or Commission Chair</u>
<b>SIGN/DATE:</b>		
<b>TYPE/PRINT NAME:</b>		

*This form must be signed by the agency head – not a delegate.*

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Executive Summary

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Agency Priority	Request Type	Title	General Dollars	Federal Dollars	Earmarked Dollars	Restricted Dollars	Total Dollars	General FTEs	Federal FTEs	Earmarked FTEs	Restricted FTEs	Total FTEs
1	B1 - Recurring	SC Nexus	\$10,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000,000	6.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.00
2	B2 - Non-Recurring	SC Nexus	\$40,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$40,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	B1 - Recurring	Repay Intra-Agency Loan	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	B2 - Non-Recurring	Repay Intra-Agency Loan	\$20,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$20,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	B2 - Non-Recurring	Strategic Economic Development Infrastructure	\$100,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	B2 - Non-Recurring	Closing Fund	\$25,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$25,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7	B1 - Recurring	LocateSC	\$11,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$11,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
8	B1 - Recurring	Foreign Office Operations	\$3,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,000,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9	B1 - Recurring	SCRC Assessment	\$125,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$125,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10	B1 - Recurring	Industry Liaison	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200,000	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
11	B1 - Recurring	Authority Increase for Staff and Employer Contributions	\$0	\$40,000	\$120,000	\$0	\$160,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Subtotal:</b>			<b>\$214,325,000</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>	<b>\$120,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$214,485,000</b>	<b>7.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>7.00</b>

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## **FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST**

<b>AGENCY PRIORITY</b>	<b>1</b>
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*Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.*

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>SC Nexus</b>
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*Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.*

<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>General: \$10,000,000</b> <b>Federal: \$0</b> <b>Other: \$0</b> <b>Total: \$10,000,000</b>
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<b>NEW POSITIONS</b>	<b>6.00</b>
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*Please provide the total number of new positions needed for this request.*

<b>FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST</b>	<b>Mark "X" for all that apply:</b>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Change in case load/enrollment under existing program guidelines
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	IT Technology/Security related
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Consulted DTO during development
<input type="checkbox"/>	Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority #	

<b>STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES</b>	<b>Mark "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:</b>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education, Training, and Human Development
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Healthy and Safe Families
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
<input type="checkbox"/>	Government and Citizens	

<b>ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS</b>	Build on the strengths of the State's innovative and emerging industries.
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*What specific strategy, as outlined in the most recent Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of agency's accountability report, does this funding request support? How would this request advance that strategy? How would the use of these funds be evaluated?*

<b>RECIPIENTS OF</b>	Agency Employee's salary and fringe, vendors, grantees
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**FUNDS**

*What individuals or entities would receive these funds (contractors, vendors, grantees, individual beneficiaries, etc.)? How would these funds be allocated – using an existing formula, through a competitive process, based upon predetermined eligibility criteria?*

**JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST**

On October 23, 2023 the Nexus for Advanced Resilient Energy (SC Nexus) received designation as one of 31 Regional Technology and Innovation Hubs (Tech Hubs) from the US Department of Commerce’s Economic Development Administration (EDA). SC Nexus is a broad consortium of higher education institutions, tech colleges, state agencies, the Savannah River National Laboratory, economic development alliances, community organizations, non-profits and private companies, led by SC Commerce. The bipartisan CHIPS and Science Act of 2022 authorized \$10 billion over five years for the EDA to launch Regional Tech Hubs across the country.

As part of the FY2023 Consolidated Appropriations Act, Congress appropriated EDA \$500 million to launch the program. With a Tech Hub designation, SC Nexus is applying for Phase II funding, with applications due February 29, 2024, to compete for up to \$75 million to fund technology innovations projects in the state. As a Tech Hub, SC Nexus will also have the opportunity to directly apply for future Tech Hubs implementation funding.

This request is to stand up a division within SC Commerce – SC Nexus – to carry out the programmatic and operational responsibilities, that come with a Regional Tech Hub designation. This request will fund 6 FTE, provide for daily operations and costs relating to the implementation for designation as a Tech Hub, and allow additional funding for grants related to the mission of SC Nexus.

*Please thoroughly explain the request to include the justification for funds, potential offsets, matching funds, and method of calculation. Please include any explanation of impact if funds are not received. If new positions have been requested, explain why existing vacancies are not sufficient.*

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<b>AGENCY PRIORITY</b>	3
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*Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.*

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Repay Intra-Agency Loan</b>
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*Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.*

<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>General: \$5,000,000</b> <b>Federal: \$0</b> <b>Other: \$0</b> <b>Total: \$5,000,000</b>
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<b>NEW POSITIONS</b>	0.00
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*Please provide the total number of new positions needed for this request.*

<b>FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST</b>	<b>Mark "X" for all that apply:</b>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Change in case load/enrollment under existing program guidelines
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	IT Technology/Security related
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Consulted DTO during development
<input type="checkbox"/>	Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority #	

<b>STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES</b>	<b>Mark "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:</b>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education, Training, and Human Development
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Healthy and Safe Families
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
	<b>X</b>	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
<input type="checkbox"/>	Government and Citizens	

<b>ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS</b>	<p>Increase the number of new/retained jobs and capital investment recruited to South Carolina.</p>
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*What specific strategy, as outlined in the most recent Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of agency's accountability report, does this funding request support? How would this request advance that strategy? How would the use of these funds be evaluated?*

<b>RECIPIENTS OF</b>	SC Department of Commerce
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**FUNDS**

*What individuals or entities would receive these funds (contractors, vendors, grantees, individual beneficiaries, etc.)? How would these funds be allocated – using an existing formula, through a competitive process, based upon predetermined eligibility criteria?*

**JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST**

In 2015, for the Navy Base Intermodal Facility (NBIF) project to continue moving forward on a timeline that would allow it to be open near the time of completion of the Hugh K. Leatherman Terminal, Commerce issued an intra-agency loan to Palmetto Railways in the amount of \$51 million as interim, interest -free financing for permitting and preliminary construction costs. The intra-agency loan funds originate from committed, but unexpended grant funds of the South Carolina Coordinating Council for Economic Development, and accordingly, were loaned only on a temporary basis and must be repaid. Commerce is requesting \$5 million in recurring funding to repay this intra-agency loan.

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<b>AGENCY PRIORITY</b>	7
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*Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.*

<b>TITLE</b>	LocateSC
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*Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.*

<b>AMOUNT</b>	<p><b>General: \$11,000,000</b></p> <p><b>Federal: \$0</b></p> <p><b>Other: \$0</b></p> <p><b>Total: \$11,000,000</b></p>
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<b>NEW POSITIONS</b>	0.00
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*Please provide the total number of new positions needed for this request.*

<b>FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST</b>	<b>Mark "X" for all that apply:</b>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Change in case load/enrollment under existing program guidelines
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	IT Technology/Security related
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Consulted DTO during development
<input type="checkbox"/>	Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority #	

<b>STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES</b>	<b>Mark "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:</b>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education, Training, and Human Development
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Healthy and Safe Families
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
<input type="checkbox"/>	Government and Citizens	

<b>ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS</b>	Assist with the improvements of available inventory of sites and buildings.
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*What specific strategy, as outlined in the most recent Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of agency's accountability report, does this funding request support? How would this request advance that strategy? How would the use of these funds be evaluated?*

<b>RECIPIENTS OF</b>	These funds will be awarded as grants to local governments or ally groups.
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**FUNDS**

*What individuals or entities would receive these funds (contractors, vendors, grantees, individual beneficiaries, etc.)? How would these funds be allocated – using an existing formula, through a competitive process, based upon predetermined eligibility criteria?*

**JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST**

LocateSC Site Inventory – funding that will allow the state to be proactive in preparing sites, especially larger sites, into suitable inventory for potential prospects.

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<b>AGENCY PRIORITY</b>	8
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*Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.*

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Foreign Office Operations</b>
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*Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.*

<b>AMOUNT</b>	<p><b>General: \$3,000,000</b></p> <p><b>Federal: \$0</b></p> <p><b>Other: \$0</b></p> <p><b>Total: \$3,000,000</b></p>
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<b>NEW POSITIONS</b>	0.00
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*Please provide the total number of new positions needed for this request.*

<b>FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST</b>	<b>Mark "X" for all that apply:</b>	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Change in case load/enrollment under existing program guidelines
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	IT Technology/Security related
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Consulted DTO during development
<input type="checkbox"/>	Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority #	

<b>STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES</b>	<b>Mark "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:</b>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education, Training, and Human Development
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Healthy and Safe Families
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
<input type="checkbox"/>	Government and Citizens	

<b>ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS</b>	Attract capital investment and job creation throughout South Carolina.
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*What specific strategy, as outlined in the most recent Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of agency's accountability report, does this funding request support? How would this request advance that strategy? How would the use of these funds be evaluated?*

<b>RECIPIENTS OF</b>	Contractors, staff and vendors supporting the Agency's foreign offices and operations.
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## FUNDS

*What individuals or entities would receive these funds (contractors, vendors, grantees, individual beneficiaries, etc.)? How would these funds be allocated – using an existing formula, through a competitive process, based upon predetermined eligibility criteria?*

## JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST

Since the mid-1970's the SC Department of Commerce has maintained operations in Europe to serve, and stimulate, the interest of European firms' desire to locate/relocate to South Carolina. Since then, Commerce's European operations have relocated to Munich, Germany to provide more focus to German firms. Also, due to growing international interest in South Carolina, Commerce is funding operations in Asia (South Korea, Taiwan, and Japan).

In prior years, Commerce has funded these international operations from its Global Business Development operating appropriations. Due to increased interest across Europe along with inflation, funding foreign operations from these traditional sources is unsustainable in the long-term. European inflation in 2021 was 2.59%, and in 2022 was 8.38%. Through July 2023, inflation is averaging 6.65%. Inflation in the US is similarly high.

In December 2023 South Carolina became one of four states to sign Memorandums of Understanding with the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to deepen the ties and address barriers in the areas of trade and investment. With the passage of Brexit, the UK is further separated from the European Union and looking to grow partnerships and locations for business. Since 2018, the UK and Ireland have accounted for \$178.5 Million in investment and 975 jobs in South Carolina. Currently the UK is South Carolina's fifth largest trading partner, and in 2022 accounted for \$3.2 billion in trade activity, with \$1.7 billion in imports and \$1.5 billion in exports. For these reasons, SC Commerce is evaluating options for a physical presence in the United Kingdom, allowing the state to build on growing relationships developed via the MOU and allow for the development of relationships with various industry groups in the automotive and life science industries.

Due to rising costs, domestically and abroad, the current sources of funding will no longer provide the resources required to effectively recruit international firms to the state.

*Please thoroughly explain the request to include the justification for funds, potential offsets, matching funds, and method of calculation. Please include any explanation of impact if funds are not received. If new positions have been requested, explain why existing vacancies are not sufficient.*

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## **FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST**

<b>AGENCY PRIORITY</b>	9
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*Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.*

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>SCRC Assessment</b>
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*Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.*

<b>AMOUNT</b>	<p><b>General: \$125,000</b></p> <p><b>Federal: \$0</b></p> <p><b>Other: \$0</b></p> <p><b>Total: \$125,000</b></p>
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<b>NEW POSITIONS</b>	0.00
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*Please provide the total number of new positions needed for this request.*

<b>FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST</b>	<b>Mark "X" for all that apply:</b>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	IT Technology/Security related
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Consulted DTO during development
<input type="checkbox"/>	Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority #	

<b>STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES</b>	<b>Mark "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:</b>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education, Training, and Human Development
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Healthy and Safe Families
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
<input type="checkbox"/>	Government and Citizens	

<b>ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS</b>	<p>Increase the knowledge and available infrastructure in South Carolina through workforce and community development.</p>
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*What specific strategy, as outlined in the most recent Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of agency's accountability report, does this funding request support? How would this request advance that strategy? How would the use of these funds be evaluated?*

<b>RECIPIENTS OF</b>	Southeast Crescent Regional Commission (SCRC)
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**FUNDS**

*What individuals or entities would receive these funds (contractors, vendors, grantees, individual beneficiaries, etc.)? How would these funds be allocated – using an existing formula, through a competitive process, based upon predetermined eligibility criteria?*

**JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST**

The Southeast Crescent Regional Commission (SCRC) was created by the 2008 US Farm Bill. SCRC is an economic development partnership agency of the federal government and seven state governments, with a mission to build sustainable communities and strengthen economic growth across the Southeast Region. Each year, the State Members of the Commission determine the share of the States' contribution to be paid by each state which is determined on the basis of the Commission's approved budget and a method of apportionment determined by the State Members.

This request is for recurring funds to pay the annual assessment to SCRC, making the State of South Carolina eligible to receive funding (\$2.6 million in FY24) with no matching requirements from the State.

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<b>AGENCY PRIORITY</b>	<b>10</b>
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*Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.*

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Industry Liaison</b>
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*Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.*

<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>General: \$200,000</b> <b>Federal: \$0</b> <b>Other: \$0</b> <b>Total: \$200,000</b>
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<b>NEW POSITIONS</b>	<b>1.00</b>
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*Please provide the total number of new positions needed for this request.*

<b>FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST</b>	<b>Mark "X" for all that apply:</b>	
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	IT Technology/Security related
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Consulted DTO during development
<input type="checkbox"/>	Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority #	

<b>STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES</b>	<b>Mark "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:</b>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education, Training, and Human Development
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Healthy and Safe Families
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
<input type="checkbox"/>	Government and Citizens	

<b>ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS</b>	Build on the strengths of the state's existing, small and emerging industries.
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*What specific strategy, as outlined in the most recent Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of agency's accountability report, does this funding request support? How would this request advance that strategy? How would the use of these funds be evaluated?*

<b>RECIPIENTS OF</b>	Agency employee hired into the role and vendors providing goods/services in support of the role.
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**FUNDS**

*What individuals or entities would receive these funds (contractors, vendors, grantees, individual beneficiaries, etc.)? How would these funds be allocated – using an existing formula, through a competitive process, based upon predetermined eligibility criteria?*

**JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST**

Commerce has been very successful in recruiting projects with larger capital investment and jobs than in typical years.

These projects require more extensive involvement with Commerce staff between the time the announcement has been made until the company is producing product and open for business. Commerce is recommending dedicating staff or consultants that work directly with these larger projects.

This dedication of staff will be viewed by companies as an additional benefit and will assist the State in its economic development efforts.

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## **FORM B1 – RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST**

<b>AGENCY PRIORITY</b>	<b>11</b>
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*Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.*

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Authority Increase for Staff and Employer Contributions</b>
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*Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.*

<b>AMOUNT</b>	<p><b>General: \$0</b></p> <p><b>Federal: \$40,000</b></p> <p><b>Other: \$120,000</b></p> <p><b>Total: \$160,000</b></p>
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<b>NEW POSITIONS</b>	<b>0.00</b>
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*Please provide the total number of new positions needed for this request.*

<b>FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST</b>	<b>Mark "X" for all that apply:</b>	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Change in case load/enrollment under existing program guidelines
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	IT Technology/Security related
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Consulted DTO during development
<input type="checkbox"/>	Related to a Non-Recurring request – If so, Priority #	

<b>STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES</b>	<b>Mark "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:</b>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education, Training, and Human Development
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Healthy and Safe Families
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
<input type="checkbox"/>	Government and Citizens	

<b>ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS</b>	This request impacts all other and federally funded activities.
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*What specific strategy, as outlined in the most recent Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of agency's accountability report, does this funding request support? How would this request advance that strategy? How would the use of these funds be evaluated?*

<b>RECIPIENTS OF</b>	Personal Services and Fringe Benefits for existing staff.
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**FUNDS**

*What individuals or entities would receive these funds (contractors, vendors, grantees, individual beneficiaries, etc.)? How would these funds be allocated – using an existing formula, through a competitive process, based upon predetermined eligibility criteria?*

**JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST**

Additional authority needed for general increases to existing staff and annual increases in employer contributions.

*Please thoroughly explain the request to include the justification for funds, potential offsets, matching funds, and method of calculation. Please include any explanation of impact if funds are not received. If new positions have been requested, explain why existing vacancies are not sufficient.*



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<b>AGENCY PRIORITY</b>	2
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*Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.*

<b>TITLE</b>	SC Nexus
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*Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.*

<b>AMOUNT</b>	\$40,000,000
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*What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2024-2025? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.*

<b>FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST</b>	<b>Mark "X" for all that apply:</b>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Change in case load/enrollment under existing program guidelines
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	IT Technology/Security related
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Consulted DTO during development
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Request for Non-Recurring Appropriations
<input type="checkbox"/>	Request for Federal/Other Authorization to spend existing funding	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Related to a Recurring request – If so, Priority # SC Nexus	

<b>STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES</b>	<b>Mark "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:</b>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education, Training, and Human Development
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Healthy and Safe Families
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
<input type="checkbox"/>	Government and Citizens	

<b>ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS</b>	Build on the strengths of the State's innovative and emerging industries.
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*What specific strategy, as outlined in the most recent Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of agency's accountability report, does this funding request support? How would this request advance that strategy? How would the use of these funds be evaluated?*

<b>RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS</b>	Grantees, Vendors
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*What individuals or entities would receive these funds (contractors, vendors, grantees, individual beneficiaries, etc.)? How would these funds be allocated – using an existing formula, through a competitive process, based upon predetermined eligibility criteria?*

**JUSTIFICATION  
OF REQUEST**

On October 23, 2023 the Nexus for Advanced Resilient Energy (SC Nexus) received designation as one of 31 Regional Technology and Innovation Hubs (Tech Hubs) from the US Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA). SC Nexus is a broad consortium of higher education institutions, tech colleges, state agencies, the Savannah River National Laboratory, economic development alliances, community organizations, non-profits and private companies, led by SC Commerce. The bipartisan CHIPS and Science Act of 2022 authorized \$10 billion over five years for the EDA to launch Regional Tech Hubs across the country.

As part of the FY2023 Consolidated Appropriations Act, Congress appropriated EDA \$500 million to launch the program. With a Tech Hub designation, SC Nexus is applying for Phase II funding, with applications due February 29, 2024, to compete for up to \$75 million to fund technology innovations projects in the state. As a Tech Hub, SC Nexus will also have the opportunity to directly apply for future Tech Hubs implementation funding.

Phase II grants will be awarded with a 10% matching requirement. This request will ensure that SC Nexus has adequate funds for this requirement, along with additional funds to make additional awards to further the mission of SC Nexus. SC Commerce expects that showing the EDA the state has more than enough matching funds to support the goals of the Tech Hubs will be beneficial to SC Nexus receiving Phase II funding. These funds will also be used to cover the costs associated with implementation for designation as a Tech Hub.

*Please thoroughly explain the request to include the justification for funds, potential offsets, matching funds, and method of calculation. Please include any explanation of impact if funds are not received. If new positions have been requested, explain why existing vacancies are not sufficient.*

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<b>AGENCY PRIORITY</b>	4
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*Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.*

<b>TITLE</b>	Repay Intra-Agency Loan
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*Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.*

<b>AMOUNT</b>	\$20,000,000
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*What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2024-2025? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.*

<b>FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST</b>	<b>Mark "X" for all that apply:</b>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Change in case load/enrollment under existing program guidelines
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	IT Technology/Security related
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Consulted DTO during development
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Request for Non-Recurring Appropriations
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Request for Federal/Other Authorization to spend existing funding Related to a Recurring request – If so, Priority # Repay Intra-Agency Loan	

<b>STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES</b>	<b>Mark "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:</b>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education, Training, and Human Development
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Healthy and Safe Families
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
<input type="checkbox"/>	Government and Citizens	

<b>ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS</b>	Increase the number of new/retained jobs and capital investment recruited to South Carolina.
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*What specific strategy, as outlined in the most recent Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of agency's accountability report, does this funding request support? How would this request advance that strategy? How would the use of these funds be evaluated?*

<b>RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS</b>	SC Department of Commerce
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*What individuals or entities would receive these funds (contractors, vendors, grantees, individual beneficiaries, etc.)? How would these funds be allocated – using an existing formula, through a competitive process, based upon predetermined eligibility criteria?*

**JUSTIFICATION  
OF REQUEST**

In 2015, for the Navy Base Intermodal Facility (NBIF) project to continue moving forward on a timeline that would allow it to be open near the time of completion of the Hugh K. Leatherman Terminal, Commerce issued an intra-agency loan to Palmetto Railways in the amount of \$51 million as interim, interest free financing for permitting and preliminary construction costs. The intra-agency loan funds originate from committed, but unexpended grant funds of the South Carolina Coordinating Council for Economic Development, and accordingly, were loaned only on a temporary basis and must be repaid. Commerce is requesting \$20 million in non-recurring funding to partially repay this intra-agency loan. The outstanding balance as of FY23-24 is \$46 million. This request, in conjunction with recurring request priority 1, will ensure that the loan is repaid in a timely manner.

*Please thoroughly explain the request to include the justification for funds, potential offsets, matching funds, and method of calculation. Please include any explanation of impact if funds are not received. If new positions have been requested, explain why existing vacancies are not sufficient.*

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<b>AGENCY PRIORITY</b>	5
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*Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.*

<b>TITLE</b>	Strategic Economic Development Infrastructure
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*Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.*

<b>AMOUNT</b>	\$100,000,000
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*What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2024-2025? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.*

<b>FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST</b>	<b>Mark "X" for all that apply:</b>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Change in case load/enrollment under existing program guidelines
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Loss of federal or other external financial support for existing program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	IT Technology/Security related
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Consulted DTO during development
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Request for Non-Recurring Appropriations
<input type="checkbox"/>	Request for Federal/Other Authorization to spend existing funding	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Related to a Recurring request – If so, Priority #	

<b>STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES</b>	<b>Mark "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:</b>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education, Training, and Human Development
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Healthy and Safe Families
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
<input type="checkbox"/>	Government and Citizens	

<b>ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS</b>	Increase the number of available infrastructure necessary to attract future capital investment and job creation throughout South Carolina.
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*What specific strategy, as outlined in the most recent Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of agency's accountability report, does this funding request support? How would this request advance that strategy? How would the use of these funds be evaluated?*

<b>RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS</b>	These funds will be awarded as grants to bodies of local or state governments or ally groups.
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*What individuals or entities would receive these funds (contractors, vendors, grantees, individual beneficiaries, etc.)? How would these funds be allocated – using an existing formula, through a competitive process, based upon predetermined eligibility criteria?*

**JUSTIFICATION  
OF REQUEST**

South Carolina does not have a recurring funding mechanism to address significant state infrastructure needs that are necessary for the state to continue and capitalize on its economic development success. Currently, the state addresses the need to modernize or construct new infrastructure based on population density or individual economic development projects. This approach leaves significant infrastructure gaps and inhibits the state from responding to business needs in a timely fashion. These types of large, strategic state infrastructure projects generally exceed Commerce's grant funding resources (except when a project qualifies for economic development bond funding). Accordingly, there is no meaningful way for Commerce to fund an infrastructure need without doing so on a project-by-project basis. South Carolina's ability to build strategic economic infrastructure independent of specific projects and supported by an appropriate funding mechanism is paramount to the state's ability to remain competitive. Proviso 50.23 (Strategic Economic Development Fund) established the guidelines for awarding SEDI funding – SC Commerce is to identify and recommend potential projects for review and comment by the Joint Bond Review Committee before any funds may be awarded or expended.

*Please thoroughly explain the request to include the justification for funds, potential offsets, matching funds, and method of calculation. Please include any explanation of impact if funds are not received. If new positions have been requested, explain why existing vacancies are not sufficient.*

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## **FORM B2 – NON-RECURRING OPERATING REQUEST**

<b>AGENCY PRIORITY</b>	6
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*Provide the Agency Priority Ranking from the Executive Summary.*

<b>TITLE</b>	Closing Fund
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*Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.*

<b>AMOUNT</b>	\$25,000,000
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*What is the net change in requested appropriations for FY 2024-2025? This amount should correspond to the total for all funding sources on the Executive Summary.*

<b>FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST</b>	<b>Mark "X" for all that apply:</b>	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Change in cost of providing current services to existing program audience
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Change in case load/enrollment under existing program guidelines
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-mandated change in eligibility/enrollment for existing program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-mandated program change in service levels or areas
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proposed establishment of a new program or initiative
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Exhaustion of fund balances previously used to support program
	<input type="checkbox"/>	IT Technology/Security related
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Consulted DTO during development
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Request for Non-Recurring Appropriations
<input type="checkbox"/>	Request for Federal/Other Authorization to spend existing funding	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Related to a Recurring request – If so, Priority #	

<b>STATEWIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES</b>	<b>Mark "X" for primary applicable Statewide Enterprise Strategic Objective:</b>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education, Training, and Human Development
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Healthy and Safe Families
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintaining Safety, Integrity, and Security
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public Infrastructure and Economic Development
<input type="checkbox"/>	Government and Citizens	

<b>ACCOUNTABILITY OF FUNDS</b>	Increase the number of new/retained jobs and capital investment recruited into South Carolina.
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*What specific strategy, as outlined in the most recent Strategic Planning and Performance Measurement template of agency's accountability report, does this funding request support? How would this request advance that strategy? How would the use of these funds be evaluated?*

<b>RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS</b>	The purpose of the Closing Fund is to assist companies in locating or expanding in South Carolina. This program provides funding necessary to encourage competitive projects to locate or expand in South Carolina.
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*What individuals or entities would receive these funds (contractors, vendors, grantees, individual beneficiaries, etc.)? How would these funds be allocated – using an existing formula, through a competitive process, based upon predetermined eligibility criteria?*

**JUSTIFICATION  
OF REQUEST**

The SC Department of Commerce is requesting \$25,000,000 in funding for the closing fund. These funds will be used to recruit new jobs and new investments to South Carolina. The Closing Fund offers greater flexibility than other incentive resources.

*Please thoroughly explain the request to include the justification for funds, potential offsets, matching funds, and method of calculation. Please include any explanation of impact if funds are not received. If new positions have been requested, explain why existing vacancies are not sufficient.*



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## **FORM D – PROVISIO REVISION REQUEST**

<b>NUMBER</b>	NEW
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*Cite the proviso according to the renumbered list (or mark "NEW").*

<b>TITLE</b>	Job Development Tax Credit Program
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*Provide the title from the renumbered list or suggest a short title for any new request.*

<b>BUDGET PROGRAM</b>	50.II.E
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*Identify the associated budget program(s) by name and budget section.*

<b>RELATED BUDGET REQUEST</b>	
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*Is this request associated with a budget request you have submitted for FY 2024-2025? If so, cite it here.*

<b>REQUESTED ACTION</b>	Add
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*Choose from: Add, Delete, Amend, or Codify.*

<b>OTHER AGENCIES AFFECTED</b>	SC Department of Revenue.
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*Which other agencies would be affected by the recommended action? How?*

<b>SUMMARY &amp; EXPLANATION</b>	<p>Currently, the fees are set in statute. This proviso will allow agencies to increase, as needed.</p>
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*Summarize the existing proviso. If requesting a new proviso, describe the current state of affairs without it. Explain the need for your requested action. For deletion requests due to recent codification, please identify SC Code section where language now appears.*

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Agency staff have estimated an additional \$200,000 to be collected in fees, at most, as a result.

*Provide estimates of any fiscal impacts associated with this proviso, whether for state, federal, or other funds. Explain the method of calculation.*

**PROPOSED  
PROVISO TEXT**

The state agencies responsible for management, reporting, approving and auditing the Jobs Development Tax credit program may increase fees charged to companies within the program as necessary to cover the operations of the program. These fees would be included in each agency's Fines and Fees Annual Report.

*Paste existing text above, then bold and underline insertions and strikethrough deletions. For new proviso requests, enter requested text above.*

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## **FORM D – PROVISIO REVISION REQUEST**

<b>NUMBER</b>	NEW
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*Cite the proviso according to the renumbered list (or mark "NEW").*

<b>TITLE</b>	SC Nexus
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*Provide the title from the renumbered list or suggest a short title for any new request.*

<b>BUDGET PROGRAM</b>	N/A
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*Identify the associated budget program(s) by name and budget section.*

<b>RELATED BUDGET REQUEST</b>	SC Nexus
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*Is this request associated with a budget request you have submitted for FY 2024-2025? If so, cite it here.*

<b>REQUESTED ACTION</b>	Add
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*Choose from: Add, Delete, Amend, or Codify.*

<b>OTHER AGENCIES AFFECTED</b>	N/A
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*Which other agencies would be affected by the recommended action? How?*

<b>SUMMARY &amp; EXPLANATION</b>	<p>SC Nexus received designation as one of 31 Tech Hubs by the Economic Development Agency – US Department of Commerce. This designation makes SC Nexus eligible for phase II funding - up to \$75 million in federal funding currently appropriated for Tech Hubs. SC Commerce has requested recurring funds to stand up a division within the Agency to carry out the programmatic and operational responsibilities that come with a Tech Hub designation. Part of the recurring request is funding for state grants to be awarded that align with the mission of SC Nexus. This proviso will allow for the funds appropriated for allocations/grants to be carried forward to the new fiscal year, as the awarded projects will likely cross fiscal years.</p>
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*Summarize the existing proviso. If requesting a new proviso, describe the current state of affairs without it. Explain the need for your requested action. For deletion requests due to recent codification, please identify SC Code section where language now appears.*

**FISCAL IMPACT**

N/A

*Provide estimates of any fiscal impacts associated with this proviso, whether for state, federal, or other funds. Explain the method of calculation.*

**PROPOSED  
PROVISO TEXT**

To further the goals of SC Nexus, one of 31 federally designated EDA Tech Hubs, the Department of Commerce may carry forward any unexpended balance on June thirtieth of the prior fiscal year of allocation/grant funds appropriated and/or authorized for SC Nexus and expend such funds in the current fiscal year for the same purpose.

*Paste existing text above, then bold and underline insertions and strikethrough deletions. For new proviso requests, enter requested text above.*

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## **FORM E – AGENCY COST SAVINGS AND GENERAL FUND REDUCTION CONTINGENCY PLAN**

<b>TITLE</b>	Agency Cost Savings and General Fund Reduction Contingency Plan
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<b>AMOUNT</b>	\$1,703,881
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*What is the General Fund 3% reduction amount? This amount should correspond to the reduction spreadsheet prepared by EBO.*

<b>ASSOCIATED FTE REDUCTIONS</b>	Unknown at this time
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*How many FTEs would be reduced in association with this General Fund reduction?*

<b>PROGRAM / ACTIVITY IMPACT</b>	Closing Fund, Local Economic Development Organizations, LocateSC, SC Manufacturing Extension Partnership, Research (Applied Research Centers), Small Business Development Centers, Procurement Technical Assistance Program, Council on Competitiveness, State Export Grant Program, Procurement and Technical Assistance Program, Marketing, Secretary's Office, Administration, Innovation, Global Business Development, Small and Existing Business.
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*What programs or activities are supported by the General Funds identified?*

<b>SUMMARY</b>	<p>a) Closing Fund Commerce would have fewer funds on hand to assist companies in locating or expanding in South Carolina.</p> <p>b) Local Economic Development Organizations LEDA would have fewer funds on hand to market the state, position their regions competitively and to find and assist companies looking to locate and expand in South Carolina.</p> <p>c) LocateSC Commerce would have fewer funds that allow the state to be proactive in preparing sites into suitable inventory for potential prospects.</p> <p>d) SC Manufacturing Extension Partnership Fewer companies would benefit from the services SCMEP provides.</p> <p>e) Small Business Development Centers Fewer small businesses would benefit from the services SCSBDC provide.</p> <p>f) Council on Competitiveness Fewer funds available to continue our collaboration in aerospace, cyber and transportation, distribution and logistics.</p> <p>g) State Export Grant Program Fewer small businesses would benefit from exporting assistance.</p> <p>h) Marketing Activities Fewer funds available to make strategic investments into potential areas to market our state.</p> <p>i) Procurement Technical Assistance Program Fewer small businesses would benefit from governmental procurement assistance.</p> <p>j) Applied Research Funds fewer resources to assist in research projects with existing industries and universities.</p> <p>k) Secretary's Office, Administration, Global Business Development, Innovation, Research, Marketing, and Small and Existing Business - Commerce would need to reevaluate future travel, hiring decisions and other spending plans to determine if recurring resources are available.</p>
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*Please provide a detailed summary of service delivery impact caused by a reduction in General Fund Appropriations and provide the method of calculation for anticipated reductions. Agencies should prioritize reduction in expenditures that have the least significant impact on service delivery.*

**AGENCY COST  
SAVINGS PLANS**

Commerce would need to reevaluate future travel, hiring decisions and other spending plans to implement a cost saving plan. Any saving from implementation of a reevaluation would be either utilized in an investment into a new strategic initiative or carried forward into the next year.

*What measures does the agency plan to implement to reduce its costs and operating expenses by more than \$50,000? Provide a summary of the measures taken and the estimated amount of savings. How does the agency plan to repurpose the savings?*