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October 30, 2018

Honorable W. Brian White  
SC House of Representatives  
525 Blatt Building  
Columbia, SC 29201

RE: Annual Report per State of South Carolina Appropriations Act of 2014-2015; 2015-2016; & 2016-2017

Representative White:

Pursuant to the requirements provided in memorandums dated June 25, 2015, June 6, 2016, and June 2017 from the South Carolina Department of Commerce, please accept this letter and attachments as the Upstate South Carolina Alliance's annual report for the receipt of the \$750,000 in funding provided to Local Economic Development Alliances in the State Appropriation Act for FY 2014-2015, \$780,545.00 in funding FY2015-2016, and \$750,000 in funding for FY2016-2017.

Per the Act of 2014-2015, the Upstate South Carolina Alliance submitted a request and received these funds in May and June of 2015. The Upstate SC Alliance was able to demonstrate matching funds and was deemed eligible to receive the maximum provided for a regional organization in the proviso - \$750,000.

Per the Act 2015-2016, the Upstate South Carolina Alliance submitted a request and received these funds in May and July of 2016. The Upstate SC Alliance was able to demonstrate matching funds and was deemed eligible to receive the maximum provided for a regional organization in the proviso - \$780,545.

Per the Act 2016-2017, the Upstate South Carolina Alliance submitted a request and received these funds in June 2017. The Upstate SC Alliance was able to demonstrate matching funds and was deemed eligible to receive the maximum provided for a regional organization in the proviso - \$750,000.

Within this booklet, please find the following:

- A detailed 'Funding Request – Itemized Budget' which provides requested funding amounts, funds spent to-date and additional funds leveraged through grants, sponsorships and other activities. For this reporting period, we are demonstrating a 2.26 to 1 match.
- Quarterly reports submitted South Carolina Department of Commerce per funding requirements.
- 2017 Upstate South Carolina Alliance Annual Report.
- 2018 Upstate South Carolina Alliance Mid-Year Annual Report.
- 2018 Upstate South Carolina Alliance Performance Measures.
- 2018 Upstate South Carolina Alliance Marketing and Business Development Calendar.
- 2017-2018 Upstate South Carolina Announcements

On behalf of the Upstate Alliance Board of Directors, our staff, and most importantly, the citizens of our region, thank you for providing an additional round of funding for the Local Economic Development Alliances. We continue to seek leveraging opportunities utilizing these funds through grants and additional private sector investment. We look forward to providing you with information on the impact of these funds to the Upstate Region and State of South Carolina!

Sincerely,



John Lummus  
President/CEO