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SC INFORMATION LETTER #06-1

SUBJECT: Job Tax Credit - County Rankings for 2006
Fee in Lieu of Property Taxes – Reduced Investment Counties
Tax Moratorium – Qualifying Counties¹

DATE: January 13, 2006

SUPERSEDES: All previous documents and any oral directives in conflict herewith.

REFERENCE: S. C. Code Section 12-6-3360 (Supp. 2005)
S. C. Code Section 4-12-30 (Supp. 2003)
S. C. Code Section 12-44-30 (Supp. 2003)

AUTHORITY: S.C. Code Ann. Section 12-4-320 (2000)
SC Revenue Procedure #05-2

SCOPE: An Information Letter is a written statement issued to the public to announce general information useful in complying with the laws administered by the Department. An Information Letter has no precedential value.

INTRODUCTION

The job tax credit and the reduction in the minimum required fee in lieu of property tax investment are dependent, in part, on per capita income and unemployment rate data received from the South Carolina Employment Security Commission and Budget and Control Board.

The purpose of this Information Letter is to provide county rankings for purposes of the job tax credit and counties qualifying for the reduced fee in lieu of property tax investment.

¹ No county rankings are provided for the moratorium on corporate income taxes or insurance premium taxes since the tax moratorium provided in South Carolina Code Section 12-6-3365 was repealed effective July 1, 2005.

JOB TAX CREDIT – County Rankings

South Carolina's 46 counties are ranked and designated annually for job tax credit purposes with equal weight given to unemployment rate and per capita income and then adjusted in accordance with special rules in South Carolina Code subsections 12-6-3360(B) and 12-6-3360(L), as applicable. Because of amendments in the job tax credit statute, it is necessary to have two rankings of South Carolina's counties for purposes of the job tax credit.

Ranking List #1: For new, full time jobs created in tax years which begin in 2006, where the job tax credit was first earned after June 18, 2002, and increases in such jobs.

The Department has ranked South Carolina's counties as "distressed," "least developed," "under developed," "moderately developed," and "developed" for computation of the new job tax credit.

Distressed	Least Developed	Under Developed	Moderately Developed	Developed
Allendale	Abbeville	Calhoun	Anderson	Aiken
Barnwell	Bamberg	Colleton	Beaufort	Berkeley
Chester	Cherokee	Edgefield	Charleston	Dorchester
Chesterfield	Fairfield	Georgetown	Darlington	Greenville
Clarendon	Greenwood	Oconee	Florence	Kershaw
Dillon	Jasper	Orangeburg	Horry	Lexington
Hampton	Lancaster	Pickens	Newberry	Richland
Lee	Laurens	Saluda	Spartanburg	York
Marion	Union	Sumter		
Marlboro				
McCormick				
Williamsburg				

Ranking List #2: For new, full time jobs created in tax years which begin in 2006, where the job tax credit was first earned after 1995 and before June 19, 2002, and increases in such jobs.

The Department has ranked South Carolina’s counties as “least developed,” “under developed,” “moderately developed,” and “developed” for computation of the new job tax credit.

Least Developed	Under Developed	Moderately Developed	Developed
Abbeville	Colleton	Anderson	Aiken
Allendale	Georgetown	Calhoun	Beaufort
Bamberg	Horry	Charleston	Berkeley
Barnwell	Oconee	Darlington	Dorchester
Cherokee	Orangeburg	Florence	Greenville
Chester	Pickens	Newberry	Kershaw
Chesterfield	Sumter	Spartanburg	Lexington
Clarendon			Richland
Dillon			York
Edgefield			
Fairfield			
Greenwood			
Hampton			
Jasper			
Lancaster			
Laurens			
Lee			
Marion			
Marlboro			
McCormick			
Saluda			
Union			
Williamsburg			

FEE IN LIEU OF PROPERTY TAXES - Reduced Investment Counties

The minimum required investment necessary to qualify for the fee in lieu of property tax under the “Little Fee,” provided in South Carolina Code Section 4-12-30(B)(3), and the “Simplified Fee,” provided in South Carolina Code Section 12-44-30(14), is \$5 million. This investment amount, however, is reduced to \$1 million for a company investing in a county with an average annual unemployment rate of at least twice the State average during each of the last 24 months, based on data available on November 1.

For 2006, no counties qualify for the \$1 million minimum investment under the “Little Fee” and the “Simplified Fee.”