SC INFORMATION LETTER #97-16

SUBJECT:	Job Tax Credit - County Rankings for 1997 - REVISED
DATE:	July 25, 1997
SUPERSEDES:	All previous documents and any oral directives in conflict herewith.
REFERENCE:	S. C. Code Ann. Section 12-6-3360 (Supp. 1996) Act Numbers 149 and 151 (Enacted June 1997)
AUTHORITY:	S.C. Code Ann. Section 12-4-320 (Supp. 1996) SC Revenue Procedure #94-1
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In accordance with Code Section 12-6-3360, the South Carolina Department of Revenue ranks South Carolina counties as least developed, under developed, moderately developed, and developed each year for computation of the new job tax credit.

The amount of credit that a business may receive for each job created is determined by the county where the business=s facility is located. The amount of credit for each new job is \$4,500 in a least developed county, \$3,500 in an under developed county, \$2,500 in a moderately developed county, and \$1,500 in a developed county.

The following ranking of counties is effective for new jobs created in tax years of permanent business enterprises which begin in 1997:

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

* House Bill 3819, Section 10, (Act No. 149), and House Bill 3919, Section 6, (Act No. 151), amended Code Section 12-6-3360(L) to provide that a county with a population under 25,000 as determined by the most recent census will receive the next increased credit designation. Previously, the population figure was 20,000. As a result of this amendment, Abbeville and Fairfield counties are now ranked as least developed counties effective for tax years beginning after December 31, 1996. House Bill 3919, the later ratified bill, states it is effective for tax years beginning after 1996.