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S.C. Confederate Relic
Room and Museum Annual
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South Carolina
Confederate Relic Room
and Museum

War Memorial Building
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S. C. Budget & Control Board
Office of State Budget
Donna Capps
1122 Lady Street, 12th Floor
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Donna:

Enclosed please find our agency's accountability report for fiscal year 1995-1996.

The South Carolina Confederate Relic Room and Museum is currently operating on a skeleton budget. We have had to reduce services and cut programs that have had a great impact on the citizens of South Carolina. We respectfully request that additional funds in the amount of \$35,000 be appropriated to re-establish the agency's basic operating funds to a level that would allow these programs to be re-instated.

If you should have any questions, please call me at 734-9813.

Sincerely,



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Administrative Assistant

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**The South Carolina Confederate Relic Room & Museum
Fiscal Year 1995-1996
Accountability Report**

Mission Statement

The South Carolina Confederate Relic Room and Museum is dedicated to educating the students, teachers, authors, researchers and the general public about South Carolina's heritage from all periods of history with an emphasis on the Confederate Era. The original Confederate Relic Room, as established late in 1895, was one of a number of collections started by United States citizens, North & South. The purpose was to honor the sacrifices made in war. Their vision was that the artifacts contributed would be perpetuated for future generations. This continues to be the vision and mission. The museum has evolved into a full-fledged South Carolina military collection situated in the 1935 World War I Memorial Building. Confederate Artifacts are the attraction. We serve the tourist industry with definitive exhibits that militarily interpret the State. Educators appreciate our Civil War overview given in less than an hour. War buffs see and examine gun-smoked artifacts. Citizens are served often by being shown objects closely related to their family ancestry. In ways stated above and in the rare volume of quality, the South Carolina Confederate Relic Room/War Memorial Building stands as unique among State maintained military collections.

Program Goals, Objectives and Performance Measures

Administration: Includes general day to day operation of the museum, personal services and operating expenses.

Goal: To provide educational services to our patrons statewide.

Objectives: 1) Outreach Services to Elementary School Age Children: This service provides onsite educational seminars statewide to children who are unable to visit the museum. A unique program in that it cannot be duplicated anywhere, this program has been touted as one of the most educational and informative seminars available in South Carolina.

2) Maintenance of the Collection: The Relic Room is constantly restoring and preserving artifacts that have played a key role in the history of the state. This is a requirement of artifacts that are over one hundred years old, it is a very long, expensive and painstaking process.

Performance Measures:

1) Prior to our agency's budget shortfall, the Outreach Program was highly successful and had grown to almost double its size since its inception three years ago. Many concerns have been expressed over the inability for this program to continue. The impact of not being able to perform this service has been greatly felt statewide.

2) The State of South Carolina has been caring for the artifacts from this collection for over one hundred years, inadequate funding would prohibit artifacts from being restored, thus, eliminating the agency's mission.