Executive Department

State of South Carolina

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.
93-05

WHEREAS, the possibility of the Charleston Naval Facilities being closed in the near future has become a very real and imminent possibility; and

WHEREAS, the continued and uninterrupted operation of the Naval Facilities are of utmost concern and importance to the public welfare of this state; and

WHEREAS, there are many credible, logistical and practical reasons that these particular military facilities are of great strategic value to the well-being of the United States of America and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, these reasons need to be accurately, forcefully and completely presented and explained to the Federal Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission and other decision-makers in the Federal Government who will make the final list of base closings; and
WHEREAS, it is imperative that a highly qualified person(s) or firm(s) be hired by the State to assist our state in making our voice heard and our arguments presented to the proper authorities; and

WHEREAS, the hiring of a person(s) or firm(s) will require the expenditure of state funds that will need to be contributed by interested state agencies;

NOW, THEREFORE, as the supreme executive authority of this State and by virtue of the power and authority vested in me as Governor pursuant to the Constitution and the Laws of South Carolina, I hereby authorize the State Budget and Control Board, the South Carolina State Ports Authority, the South Carolina Public Service Authority (Santee Cooper), the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, the South Carolina Public Railways Commission, and any other state agency, with the approval of their agency head, to contribute and transfer funds to the Governor's Office for the purpose of hiring a person(s) or firm(s) to represent the state in its battle to keep the Charleston Naval Facilities fully operational.

Furthermore, there is created a contract review panel to review the qualifications of possible person(s) or firm(s) and to recommend to the Governor the person(s) or firm(s) best suited to represent the State.

Furthermore, the review panel shall be appointed by the Governor and shall consist of the Executive Director of the Budget and Control Board; the Deputy Director of General Services of the Budget and Control Board; the President of the Charleston Trident Chamber of Commerce; the Chairman of the Charleston Defense Issues Council; the Chief of Staff and the Executive Assistant for Economic
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Development from the Office of the Governor; a retired naval flag officer; an elected official from the Charleston-Berkeley-Dorchester County area; and other persons as the Governor may deem appropriate and designate. This panel shall be chaired by the Executive Director of the Budget and Control Board.

This Executive Order expires and the panel shall be disbanded upon a final decision by the Federal Government as to which base facilities will be designated for closure.


CARROLL A. CAMPBELL, JR.
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JAMES M. MILES
SECRETARY OF STATE