WHEREAS, South Carolina needs a competitive and skilled workforce to compete in the global economy; and

WHEREAS, a partnership between workforce development and economic development is necessary to improve South Carolina’s economic competitiveness; and

WHEREAS, the system for collecting economic and workforce information should be more focused on local, regional, and state economics and should be integrated to provide accessible tools, labor market information, economic development assessments, and common reporting and performance measures; and

WHEREAS, the Labor Market Information – One Stop Core Services program is one of the most important tools the state has for the collection of economic and workforce information needed to ensure an integrated reporting and performance measurement system; and

WHEREAS, the Labor Market Information – One Stop Core Services program includes workforce database, ALMIS and PEARs, employment and labor projections, and annual economic analysis; and

WHEREAS, positioning the Labor Market Information – One Stop Core Services program with the Workforce Investment Act program within the South Carolina Department of Commerce will help further workforce development and job creation in South Carolina.
NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the Wagner-Peyser Act, 29 U.S.C.A. Section 49, I hereby transfer the administration of the Labor Market Information - One Stop Core Services program, currently located at the South Carolina Employment Security Commission, to the South Carolina Department of Commerce in an effort to increase accountability and better coordination of workforce development and economic development within the state.

FURTHER, I direct the Department of Commerce and the Employment Security Commission to work together openly and cooperatively to ensure a successful transition of the Labor Market Information – One Stop Core Services program.

Executive Order 2007-13 is rescinded.

This Order shall take effect immediately.


MARK SANFORD
Governor

ATTEST:

MARK HAMMOND
SECRETARY OF STATE