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***1 Re: Regional Councils of Government (No county can belong to more than one Regional Council of Government.)**

Mr. James L. Hammond, Jr.
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Lower Savannah Regional
Planning and Development Council
P. O. Box 850
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Dear Mr. Hammond:

I received your letter today requesting an opinion regarding the legality of Aiken County being a member of two Councils of Government. I apologize for my delay in responding to your oral request.

In the act providing for Regional Councils of Government, Section 14-343 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina (1971 Cum. Supp.), there is a provision which states that 'no county shall belong to more than one such Regional Council of Government.' Therefore, Aiken County cannot belong to more than one Regional Council of Government as provided for under the act. However, this provision does not prohibit Aiken County from participating in some sort of federal regional system, which is set up and operated under federal requirements and is unrelated to the Regional Council of Governments as established by Section 14-341 through 14-350.46 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina (1971 Cum. Supp.).

I trust that this clarifies your situation. However, if I can be of any further assistance, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

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Assistant Attorney General

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