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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina January 5, 1983

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Dear Mr. Collins:

You have requested an opinion as to the legal status of the Jasper County Development Board, and whether it is an 'employer' within the meaning of South Carolina Code of Laws, § 9-1-10(5).

The Board was created by Act No. 832 of 1956, as amended by Act No. 34 of 1964. Its members are appointed by the Governor and its function is to promote agricultural, commercial and industrial development in Jasper County. The Board has been vested with the powers to enter into contracts in the name of the County and make binding agreements as necessary to accomplish the purposes described in Section 3 of Act No. 832 of 1956.

On the basis of the foregoing it is the opinion of this office that the Jasper County Development Board is a political subdivision of the State and an 'employer' within the meaning of Code § 9-1-10(5). Sincerely yours,

Kenneth P. Woodington Senior Assistant Attorney General

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