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Dear Mr. Collins:

You have requested an opinion as to the legal status of the South Carolina Appalachian Regional Computer Commission and whether it is an employer within the meaning of [§ 9-1-10\(5\), 1976 Code](#) of Laws.

The Commission was created by an agreement of at least 23 governmental organizations pursuant to [§ 6-1-20, 1976 Code](#) of Laws. Its function is to provide computer services to each governmental body which by contract has agreed to use its services. It thus appears to be an integral part of each government agency which participates. Because it would be entirely impractical to carry it 23 times for social security and retirement purposes, I would advise that perhaps the best solution would be for it to be arbitrarily assigned to one such organization for reporting purposes, provided that there is an understanding that all participating organizations will contribute their fair share to the employer contribution or such persons.

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth P. Woodington

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