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Mr. Purvis W. Collins
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Dear Mr. Collins:

You have requested advice as to the legal status of the South Carolina Midlands Emergency Medical Service Management Association, and whether it is an "employer" within the meaning of South Carolina Code of Laws, Section 9-1-10(5).

The Association was created by fifteen counties in the Midlands region, pursuant to § 44-7-2010, et seq., 1976 Code of Laws. Its members are appointed by the county governing bodies and its function is to provide emergency medical services within the member counties. The Association has been vested with the powers to enter into contracts, make binding agreements, and generally take such actions in its name as are necessary to accomplish the purposes described in the aforesaid statute.

On the basis of the foregoing, this office would advise that the South Carolina Midlands Emergency Medical Service Management Association is a political subdivision and an "employer" within the meaning of Code Section 9-1-10(5).

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kenneth P. Woodington".

Kenneth P. Woodington
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