

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
OCONEE COUNTY, SC 4/17/07
COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 4/26/07
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 3:00 pm

ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:

Annual Update on SC Appalachian Council of Governments Activities

BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:

Oconee County has had a long standing relationship with the SC Appalachian Council of Governments and the Director has long given annual reports

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR COMMITTEE ACTION:

Staff recommends Council accept the annual report as information only

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

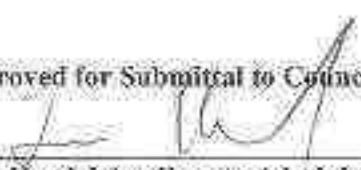
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Submitted or Prepared By:

Opal O. Green

Department Head

Approved for Submittal to Council:


Tom Hendricks, County Administrator

Reviewed by:

N/A : Finance

 : County Attorney



Providing Quality Services To Local Governments Since 1965.

Appalachian Council of Governments Services to Oconee County, 2006

Return on Investment

Oconee County's annual investment in the Appalachian COG is \$ 27,951. The return on that investment to Oconee County in 2006 was \$ 1,911,549, representing a return on investment ratio of \$ 68 to \$ 1.

Components of Funding through ACOG to Oconee County

\$ 990,557	Workforce Development Programs ¹
600,000	ACOG/SCDOT Rural Highway System Improvement Program ²
320,992	Aging Service Programs ³
\$ 1,911,549	Total

Notes:

1. Workforce development programs provide skills for workers to remain competitive in the continually evolving market, special training for dislocated workers, and skills that provide a career pathway for youth and young adults.
2. These funds were applied to the Sheep Farm Road Improvement and Extension project. Since FY 1998, this program has provided \$ 26.9 million for road improvement projects in Oconee County. Through FY 2012, an additional \$ 11.9 million is programmed for the Sheep Farm Road project.
3. These funds go directly into the County's economic base. They also reduce the demand on County resources for addressing the needs of a growing and increasingly significant segment of the population.

In addition, on April 16, 2007, ACOG completed and submitted a Community Development Block Grant application on behalf of the City of Seneca for \$ 870,000 to upgrade sewer service in the Utica Mill Village.

Additional Services to Oconee County During 2006

- Provided staff support to the Oconee County Capital Projects Task Force.
- Updated the Oconee County portion of the COG's Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. This maintains the County's eligibility to receive federal Economic Development Administration grant funds.
- Continued to operate InfoMentum, which is used by the Oconee County Economic Development Board to provide information and data required by industrial and business prospects who are considering investment decisions in the County.
- Developed a Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, which maintains the County's eligibility to receive FEMA planning and mitigation grants.
- Provided on-going assistance to Oconee County "Small Towns" program participants, including Westminster and West Union.
- Provided a state mandated planning education program to board members and compliance staff for municipalities throughout the County.
- Completed the 2006 update of the Oconee County Economic Profile.

Coming Up In 2007 And Beyond

- \$11.9 million programmed for the Sheep Farm Road Improvement and Extension Project, FY 2008 – 2012.
- Staff support to the Oconee County Planning Department and Planning Commission on the Community Based Planning Program.
- Plan-A-Biz, an on-line support system for small businesses.
- Participation in the May Seneca-Walhalla-Westminster Chamber Small Business Symposium.
- Expansion of the small business lending program to provide additional resources for existing and new businesses.
- Personnel administration services for the Town of Salen.
- On-going state mandated planning education.

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
OCONEE COUNTY, SC
OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING DATE: April 17, 2007
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 3:00 p.m.

ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:

New Oconee County Main Library

BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:

For a period of about six years, the Library Board of Trustees has sought to replace the inadequate and functionally obsolete library branch in Seneca. This structure, originally built in 1968, added to in the mid-80's. Since originally built, particularly in recent years, this part of the County has by far experienced the highest growth, with 44% of all library card-holders originating from this branch. In addition to the aging building, current facilities are wanting in every respect. Starting with a study commissioned to Provost Associates completed in 2002, and a more recent feasibility study by McMillan-Smith Architects and the Trehel Corporation completed in April 2006, a Space Plan of 33,000 square feet was unanimously adopted by the Library Board. The Planning Commission has unanimously supported the Library Board's plan, the Library Board has voted unanimously to co-locate with the School District on five or more acres of donated land on South Oak Street, and the School Board has unanimously agreed to donate this land to the Oconee County Public Library for this purpose. The Library Board has earned the support of Seneca Historian Louise Bell and many of her followers, many from the Historic Neighborhood Association, Mayor Dan Alexander of Seneca, Seneca City Council members, the Downtown Seneca Merchant's Association, the Seneca Women's Club, and the Oconee County Friends of the Library. \$45,000 has been granted by Council to commence initial schematics and master planning.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION:

Since the Walhalla library is also short of space, and is not easy or financially productive to add onto, accommodations for administrative staff will be provided in the new facility. This allows expansion of available materials and services at the Walhalla facility without the need for construction.

The School District expects to start construction in January 2008, with completion prior to August 2009. It is the Library Board and School Board's goal to master-plan in a campus style project, with the library facility being completed on a similar schedule as the elementary school. This will save money, potentially for both, and will avoid continued construction once the school opens with 550 or more elementary school students.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMMITTEE ACTION:

See attached.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Estimated cost of project and FF&E is \$8.1 million. Impact depends on funding schedule and funding sources.


ATTACHMENTS:

Staff for new library.

Submitted or Prepared By:

John W. Adams
Department Head
Reviewed By:

Approved for Submittal to Committee


Tom Hendricks, County Administrator

_____ : County Attorney

_____ n/a _____ : Finance

STAFF FOR NEW LIBRARY:

Assumptions on this chart:

1. The current hours will be kept.
2. There will be three manned main desks: circulation, reference and children's.
3. Expectations of increases in traffic and usage of computers.

IMPORTANT:

Estimated salaries do NOT include benefits. Salaries are in 2007 dollars. Impact beginning in 2009-2010 Budget.

STAFF FOR NEW LIBRARY

POSITION	NEEDED	HAVE CURRENTLY	NEW HIRES NECESSARY IMMEDIATELY	NEW HIRES TO HIRE LATER
BRANCH STAFF				
Branch Manager	1	1	0	0
Asst. Branch Manager	1	1	0	0
Youth Services Libn.	1	0	1	0
Asst. Youth Services Libn.	1	0	1	0
Reference Libn.	1	0	1	0
Asst. Reference Libn.	1	0	1	0
Circulation Assistant	4	2	1	1
Part Time Pages	6	4	0	2
TOTAL	16	8	5	3
ADMINISTRATION				
Director	1	1	0	0
Deputy Director	1	0	0	1
Bookkeeper/Secretary	1	1	0	0
Registration Desk Asst.	1	0	1	0
Tech. Servs. Manager	1	1	0	0
Cataloger	1	1	0	0
Acquisitions	1	1	0	0
Tech. Servs. Part Time	2	1	0	1
Computer Technician	1	0	1	0
TOTAL	10	6	(2) \$175,364	(2) \$93,339

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
OCONEE COUNTY, SC**

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: April 17, 2007
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 3 pm

ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:

Report to County Council from the Planning Commission regarding milestones, expected needs and timeline for creating a citizen-initiated community-based zoning program in Oconee County.

BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:

On March 6th, 2007, County Council unanimously resolved to instruct the Planning Commission to study and report back within 30 days on milestones, expected needs, and a timeline for creating a citizen-initiated, community-based zoning program in Oconee County. The Commission's report was initially scheduled for the Council meeting of April 3, 2007, but the Council granted a 2-week extension on the reply to allow the County Administrator to be available. The Commission Chairman and the Planning Director, in consultation with the County Administrator, have identified a series of milestones based on the concepts that the Planning Commission has long considered to be necessary components of a zoning program in Oconee County, and the expected needs (including additional staffing, facilities, and vehicles) for creating and implementing such a zoning program. In addition, a proposed timeline based on staff workload, community information efforts, state requirements, and other factors has been created.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:

None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Endorse the Planning Commission's list of milestones and timeline.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Salaries and benefits of Zoning Administrator and administrative support positions; purchase of furniture, supplies and materials for zoning office; cost of used 4x4 vehicle.

ATTACHMENTS:

Copy of PowerPoint Presentation Slides and Notes.

Submitted or Prepared by:

Art Holbrooks
Planning Director



(Department Head/Elected Official)

Approved By:



Tom Hendricks,
Oconee County Administrator

Reviewed By/ Initials:

_____ County Attorney

_____ Finance

_____ Other

C: Clerk to Council

**Report to County Council:
Milestones and Expected
Needs in Creating a Zoning
Program for Oconee County**

Oconee County Planning
Commission
April 2007

County Council has charged the
Planning Commission with
developing a citizen-initiated,
community-based zoning
program for the unincorporated
areas of Oconee County

ZONING

The establishment of districts
which are separated into sections
reserved for different land
usages.

Zoning is simply a tool that can
be used to help guide growth
and development in the attempt
to meet goals established in the
Comprehensive Plan... it is not a
cure-all.

The Planning Commission has long
considered a community-based
zoning program to be the best fit for
Oconee County

The current fire districts are
primarily based on the traditional
communities, and therefore offer a
good model for districts.

Milestones



The Planning Commission has identified 12
milestones by which to measure progress in
the creation of such a program.

1) Define Fire District Boundaries

- Because Zoning District boundaries will overlay the boundaries of the existing Fire Districts, it is necessary to establish official boundaries; currently, only 2 districts have formal boundaries.
- Issue of Concern: Zoning is parcel-based, and fire districts are not. As a result, it is possible that some large tracts of land lie in multiple fire districts.
- Staff is currently defining boundaries.

2) Delivery of Parcel Data/Land Use Information

- Will allow for establishment of current land use of all parcels in the county, a necessary part of establishing the future land use map for the Comprehensive Plan.
- Without knowing what exists today, we will not be able to predict what the county will look like in the coming decades.
- Project is ongoing through a consultant.

3) Draft Definitions

- The definitions are the largest part of the enabling ordinance text, and establish the range of zoning categories available in creating proposed zoning district maps.
- Work is currently ongoing.

4) Begin Public Meetings

- Meetings will take the form of a 2-part staff briefing from the Planning Department: Part 1 will be an update on what is being considered by the Planning Commission; and Part 2 will be a discussion of current and future land use within the individual district. All districts will be visited.
- Meetings will not be debates on zoning.

5) Hire Zoning Administrator

It is recommended that the Zoning Administrator be hired prior to finalizing the process by which the various districts may pursue zoning. This will allow the selected individual ample opportunity to have input into the mechanics of the system they will have to direct on a day-to-day basis.

6) Draft Process

The "process" will be the method by which citizens of a district initiate a zoning effort. Under state law, only County Council may zone an area, so all citizen input, whether through a referendum or a less-formal avenue, is only advisory; however, the state does not limit Council in the manner in which they choose to go about gaining public input on the question of zoning.

7) Complete Public Meetings

In addition to informing the public and gaining citizen input, a key part of the meeting series will be the public review (district by district) of current land use and a proposed future land use map that will be amended to the Comprehensive Plan. This map will itself be non-regulatory, and not a zoning map, but will be used as a reference by those districts pursuing zoning.

8) Amend Comp Plan to Adopt Land Use Maps

Both current and future land use maps are components of the Comprehensive Plan and serve to illustrate what the plan's text describes.

Current land use map: shows existing zoning of each parcel

Future land use map: shows the proposed usage of land across the county in coming years

NOTE: A future 15p. Open Space Land Use Recommendation

9) Complete Draft Ordinance

Assemble the various draft text and maps into a unified document for the Planning Commission to consider as a proposed enabling ordinance.

All components will have been available for public review and comment separately, but this will be the first time as a complete draft.

10) Refer Ordinance to Council

Planning Commission formally refers the draft enabling ordinance to County Council for consideration

11) Public Hearings

The Commission recommends that County Council sponsor a series of at least 3 formal public hearings across the county.

The hearings should be held in venues large enough to accommodate all interested participants.

12) Adoption and Implementation

The Enabling Ordinance will require 3 readings and at least 1 public hearing to adopt.

Expected Needs



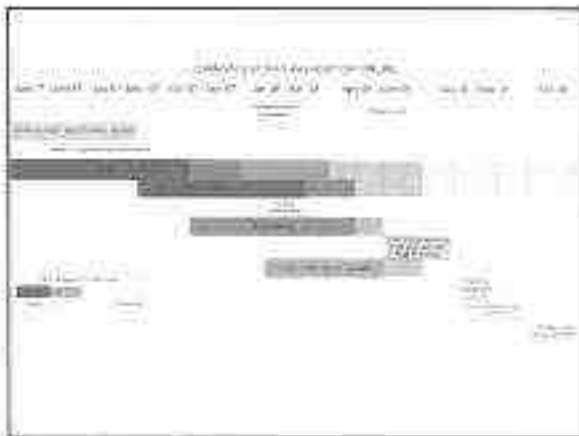
Staffing

In addition to current staff, a Zoning Administrator must be hired, with an administrative position added at the time the enabling ordinance is adopted.

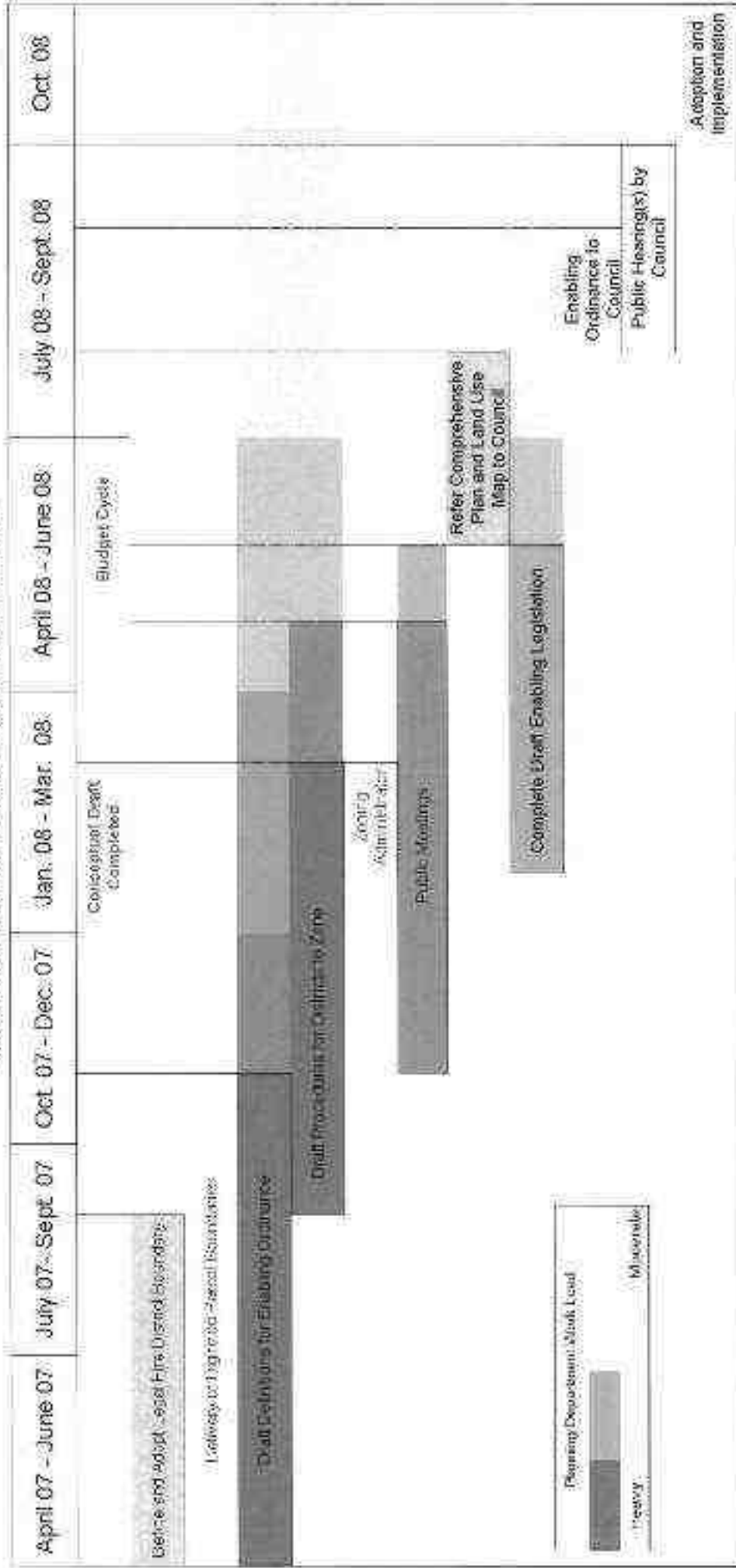
Equipment and Facilities

As part of the Planning Division, zoning personnel will be located adjacent to Planning and Codes. Existing offices at Pine Street are being moved and modified to both accommodate the new personnel, and provide better service in existing offices. No significant expenditures are expected.

Timeline



ZONING MILESTONES AND ADOPTION TIMELINE



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
OCONEE COUNTY, SC

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 4-17-87
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 3:00PM

ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:

Request for approval to apply for South Carolina Parks and Recreation Development Fund (PARD) grant in the amount of \$12,000 for a new Swing Structure and Disc Golf Baskets at Chau Ram County Park. The PARD grant requires a 20% local match, which is budgeted for in the PRT budget. The State Delegation request that several projects be listed in priority order in the grant application. The Delegation will award grants based on availability of funds and priority throughout Oconee County.

BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:

PARD grant program was created in 1987 by the General Assembly of South Carolina, signed by the Governor and took effect July 1, 1987. PARD is intended to be used for permanent improvements to public recreation areas by local government units and the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism. Each application must have an endorsement letter of support from County Council to accompany grant request.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:

If approved, new swing structures will be placed just below the camping area in close proximity to the new playground at Chau Ram County Park and a new Disc Golf Course will be designed for the Park.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of PARD grant request in the amount of \$9,600.
Approval of PARD grant match in the amount of \$2,400. Match will come from the PRT grant match line item 010-202-99999-00000.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Budget Analysis

Priority #1

Swing Structures for Chau Ram County Park	\$5,000
20% County Match	\$1,250
Total Project Cost	\$6,250

Priority #2

Disc Golf Baskets for Chau Ram County Park	\$4,600
20% County Match	\$1,150
Total Project Cost	\$5,750

Total Cost of both projects	\$9,600
Total Local 20% Match	\$2,400
Total Project Cost	\$12,000

ATTACHMENTS:

Submitted or Prepared By:

Phil Shirley, PRT Director
Department Head/Elected Official


Approved for Submittal to Council:


Tom Hendricks, County Administrator

Reviewed By/ Initials:

_____ County Attorney

 Finance

 Grants

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
OCONEE COUNTY, SC**

**COUNCIL MEETING DATE: April 17, 2007
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 3:00 pm**

ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:

RFP #06-21 County-wide Strategic Plan for the Oconee Economic Development Commission.

BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:

The Economic Development Commission (EDC) during their planning retreat in early 2006 identified the need for an Economic Development Strategic Plan as their number 1 priority. After reviewing a number of ways to fund and complete such a plan the EDC found that the Palmetto Economic Development Corporation would fund 99% of the cost of such a plan, up to a maximum of \$40,000.00. The EDC applied for and received approval for this assistance.

RFP SOLICITATION HISTORY:

On January 25, 2007, formal sealed proposals were opened for this strategic plan. Thirteen companies were originally notified of this opportunity to submit proposals; we received eight responses. The RFP selection committee, comprised of Jim Alexander, Art Holbrooks, Neal Workman, Bob Winebester, and Harold Gibson, held meetings to short-list, conduct interviews, and to rank competing firms. The committee unanimously voted to recommend award to Genesis Consulting Group.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:

A letter will be sent to the Palmetto Economic Development Corporation thanking them for their support of this very important project.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Award RFP #06-21 to Genesis Consulting Group in the amount of \$44,000.00.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

For FY 06-07, County Council approved up to \$10,000.00 (budget code 10-707-60707) for this project. The cost of the Strategic Plan is not to exceed \$44,000.00. The Palmetto Economic Development Corporation will fund \$39,600.00 (90% of the total cost) and the County will be required to fund only \$4,400.00.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Bid Tabulation

Submitted or Prepared By:


Marianne A. Dillard, Procurement Director

Approved for Submittal to Council:


Tom Hendricks, County Administrator

Reviewed By/ Initials:

_____ County Attorney

_____ Finance

_____ Department

_____ Grants

C: Clerk to Council

Approved Budget Ordinance amount for bid item: \$10,000.00
Budget Code: 010-707-60737

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge,
the tabulation of bids is correct.

Marianne Dillard
Procurement Director

Bidders	Genesis Consulting Group	Sanford Holshouser	Insite Consulting	Market Street Services, Inc.
Address	Columbia, SC	Elkin, NC	Greer, SC	Atlanta, GA
Base Plan	\$ 44,000.00	\$47,120.00* plus travel & expenses	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 64,900.00
Estimated Completion Time	19 weeks	15 weeks	14 weeks	15 weeks
Addendum #1	yes	yes	no	no
		*Can deduct either \$2720 or \$5443 depending on meetings.		
Committee Rank	1	2	2	4
Bidders	Basile Baumann Prost & Assoc.	Swiger Consulting, Inc.	RA Smith	TIP Strategies, Inc.
Address	Annapolis, MD	Stroudsburg, PA	Brookfield, WI	Austin, TX
Base Plan	\$ 48,945.00	\$ 50,825.00	\$ 43,500.00	\$ 79,500.00
Estimated Completion Time	14 weeks	12 weeks	18 weeks	24 weeks
Addendum #1	no	yes	yes	no
Committee Rank	did not interview	did not interview	did not interview	did not interview

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
OCONEE COUNTY, SC
COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 4/17/07
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 5:00 pm

ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:

Approval of 2007-08 fiscal year budget for the Keowee Fire Tax District.

BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:

As a part of the Ordinance creating the Keowee Fire District, County Council must approve their operating budget.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:

N/A to the County as this is a fire district approved by the citizens of the Keowee Fire District.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMMITTEE ACTION:

Staff recommends adoption of the 2007-08 Keowee Fire District budget.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None to Oconee County budget.

ATTACHMENTS:

Proposed Keowee Fire Tax District 2007-08 budget.
Submitted or Prepared By:

Opal O. Green
Department Head

Approved for Submittal to Council:


Tom Hendricks, Administrator

Reviewed By/Initials:

_____ : County Attorney

_____ : Finance

_____ N/A _____ : Procurement

KEOWEE FIRE COMMISSION

115 Maintenance Road
Salem SC 29676
864-944-8666
KFC@KKFD.org

Commissioners

*Tom Alms
Don Chamberlain
Theima Graeb
Jack Leitch
Ray Schmieler*

April 10, 2007

To: Tom Hendricks
Oconee County Administrator

Phyllis Lombard
Director of Administrative Services and Finance

415 South Pine Street
Walhalla, SC 29691


Re: Keowee Fire Tax Millage Request


Dear Mr. Hendricks,

The Keowee Fire Tax District submits the 2007-8 tax budget to Oconee County Council requesting a 14.5 mil tax rate. We have enclosed a copy of the budget that was approved unanimously by our Board at our public meeting April 9, 2007. The millage increase from last year recognizes the refund required for taxes collected from Riverstone and the appeals on reassessment. We ask for your approval and implementation of the collection of taxes for the 17th Fire Tax District.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely yours,


Donald Chamberlain, M.D.
Chrm., Keowee Fire Tax District


Jack Leitch
Treasurer, Keowee Fire Tax District

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April 7, 2007

2006 FIRE TAX DISTRICT SUMMARY REPORT

The Keowee Fire Tax District was created by Geonce County Ordinance 2003-12 and began operations January 1, 2004 under the guidance of the Keowee Fire Commission. The five original commissioners, Thelma Grueb, Tom Almus, Jack Leitch, Ray Schmelter and Don Chamberlain have spent the past 3 years creating a conservative and cost conscious organization that meets the requirements of a public organization. Fire Chief Mark Lee continues to do an excellent job with the management and upgrading of the day-to-day activities of the Keowee Fire Department.

Availability and function of the Department's fire vehicles has been improved significantly. All existing equipment is now in service. Engine 17, our newest and primary fire truck is now in service after repeated reconstruction to resolve major defects for the past 2 years. Our second engine was out of service for 3 months awaiting minor repairs by the County but is now operational. We have taken delivery of a special Quick Response Vehicle that will be able to traverse difficult driveways, utility trails and off road locations. It was built on a heavy duty 4-wheel drive modified pickup with firefighting capability that can respond rapidly and will meet a need in our District.

After much study, it was apparent that we needed to build a 2 bay substation in the southern part of the district. We have a 90-year lease for land from Crescent Development on Doug Hollow road for this project. The station at the maintenance entrance to Keowee Key was also inadequate to meet the needs of a modern station and the property owners of Keowee Key were kind enough to give us land to add an addition to the Headquarters station. The Commission managed to add half the projected cost of the 2 stations to the 1% tax referendum submitted to the voters on November 7. Unfortunately the county voted down this proposal. The Commission elected to proceed with the building of the 2 stations using a design-build concept and funding it by a 15 year County bond. The Commission was assisted by John Donehoo and Ron Keith to select the best firm to perform the construction and architectural design. Durham-Greene Construction has been hired. Architectural designs of both structures are almost complete and final cost estimates for the design build projects will be determined in January 2007. Construction should begin in February and be complete by September 2007. Plans are available for review at the fire department. We are pleased that Ron Keith, a volunteer fireman and local resident with a construction oversight background will act as our representative to monitor the building projects.

The Fire Department has 32 trained firefighters including 4 full time and 3 part time men covering 24/7. The Department received 74 calls including 21 fire calls and 7 rescue calls, 32 smoke scares. It is becoming more difficult to recruit volunteers willing and able to commit to the time and training requirements necessary to have a full complement of fire fighters when needed.

The District has developed an incentive program to encourage participation. We will be able to improve the training environment and decrease the requirement for volunteers to travel elsewhere as soon as the new training room is built which should attract more volunteers.

The Keowee Fire Tax District's 2006 financial year originally ran from January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006 but for accounting and budget reasons and to correspond to the County fiscal year, it was changed to July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007. This resulted in a ½ year January 1 to June 30 final tax report and audit by Payne and associates. The report is available at the Fire Department for your review. The District is appreciative of the financial support received from Duke Energy and the Dreyfus Foundation and the funds will be used to provide critical equipment.

The 2006 tax year budget was presented to the Oconee County Council in April 2006 requesting a 14.5 mil tax rate. The Council approved the request but then the County decided to reevaluate property values resulting in a substantial increase in property tax values that would generate additional income to our tax district. Based on reassessment figures supplied by the County and in good faith that these figures would generate more income than we required, we reduced our millage to 13.7. The large number of appeals of the reassessment could result in reduction in anticipated income. This could jeopardize our anticipated income from property taxes and demand action on our part. We will not know the results of the appeals impact on our income for some months into the 2007-year.

The Fire Department continues to provide a number of fire protection services including fire hydrant checks, home prefire plans, fire extinguishers, key boxes for homes, business inspections, etc. Duke Energy has required signs and new buoys for dry hydrants within Lake Keowee and these will be installed as soon as lake level permits. A Firewise Community fire prevention program sponsored by the US Forestry Service has been strongly promoted by Chief Lee. Keowee Key is the 2nd community within the State to be approved and they have organized a committee that is actively engaged in brush disposal and Firewise education to reduce the impact of fire in wooded areas. Next year, the POA will fund such activities. This program is being reviewed by other developments within our fire district and it is expected they will become Firewise communities as well. Our goal is to have the District become Firewise.

A newsletter is produced 2 to 3 times a year and mailed to all residents to update the property owners on the latest activities of the District. The Newsletter as well as information regarding the staff, equipment, training, services provided, history and Commission can be found on the new District website at <http://keoweefire.com>

The County Council would like to improve the fire service throughout the entire county and has proposed a number of options including a single countywide fire district. The Commission has submitted a number of suggestions to the Council to improve the fire service and have offered to assist any fire district that may wish to institute their own tax district. The Commission has been contacted by several residential developments near the Keowee Fire District regarding the possibility of incorporating their property into the Keowee Fire Tax District. They wish to improve response time and lower ISO rates. Our Commission continues to investigate this issue and the various ramifications of such actions. There may be significant advantages for the District but under no circumstances would existing district property owners pay additional taxes for such expansion and the District would not seek such transfers.

At the request of the Commission, the Oconee County Council amended the original ordinance creating the Fire Tax District to alternate 4-year terms of Commissioners so that an

election will occur every 2 years. To begin the rotation process, Steve Jacofyre, Don Chamberlain and Jack Leitch were elected to 4-year terms and Ray Schmelter and Les McMahan were elected to 2-year terms. Subsequently, all terms will be for 4 years. Replacement provisions were also provided.

The Fire Department continues to perform at the highest level of expectations. Our firemen continue to meet all training requirements and have responded promptly and skillfully to all calls in our District as well as aiding adjacent districts. The Commissioners are proud of the Keowee Fire Department and will continue to encourage and support excellent fire fighting and protection services for the District and Geanee County.

Submitted by Donald Chamberlain
Chairman, Keowee Fire Commission

2007-2008 KFD BUDGET

Millage Rate 14.5

JULY 1, 2007 - JUNE 30, 2008

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	SUBTOTALS	TOTALS
REVENUE				
	3010 COUNTY CONTRIBUTIONS	\$10,000		
	3020 DONATIONS	\$0		
	3030 REAL ESTATE PROPERTY TAX	\$188,200		
	3035 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX	\$31,000		
	3036 HOMESTEAD TAX	\$25,000		
	3040 DUKE ENERGY CONTRIBUTION	\$25,000		
	3045 LATE FEES	\$9,000		
	3050 INTEREST INCOME	\$7,000		
	3060 GRANTS	\$0		
	TOTAL REVENUE	\$594,200		\$594,200
EXPENSES				
PAYROLL				
	6050 SALARIES	\$168,500		
	6060 OVERTIME	\$0		
	6065 WAGES-TEMPS	\$37,600		
	6070 FUNDING - PERSONAL DAYS	\$5,200		
	TOTAL PAYROLL		\$205,300	
PAYROLL TAXES/BENEFITS				
	6100 EMPLOYER'S PAYROLL TAX	\$16,900		
	6105 WORKER'S COMPENSATION	\$16,000		
	6110 HEALTH INSURANCE	\$25,700		
	6120 PENSION COMPENSATION	\$21,000		
	TOTAL TAXES/BENEFITS		\$79,600	
OTHER EMPLOYEE EXPENSE				
	6150 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	\$2,500		
	6155 MILEAGE	\$2,000		
	6160 UNIFORMS/CLOTHING	\$3,000		
	6165 PHYSICAL EXAMS	\$4,000		
	6170 PHYSICAL EDUCATION EXPENSE	\$1,750		
	6175 FIRST AID SUPPLIES	\$240		
	6176 EDUCATIONAL EXPENSE	\$2,000		
	6177 VOLUNTEER INCENTIVE PROGRAM	\$24,000		
	TOTAL OTHER EMPLOYEE EXP.		\$39,490	
	TOTAL EMPLOYEE EXPENSE			\$324,390
FACILITY EXPENSE				
	6200 BUILDING / GROUNDS	\$7,000		
	6205 BUILDING LEASE	\$20		
	6210 ALARM SYSTEM	\$500		
	6215 PEST SERVICES	\$750		
	6220 WATER/SEWER	\$2,400		
	6225 ELECTRICITY	\$7,500		
	6227 PROPANE FUEL COSTS	\$0		
	6230 TELEPHONE SERVICE	\$3,500		
	6235 CELLULAR PHONE SERVCL	\$1,920		
	6240 INTERNET SERVICE	\$850		
	6242 WEBSITE	\$200		
	6245 TRASH PICKUP	\$200		
	6248 DOUG HOLLOW STATION	\$2,400		
	6247 HEADQUARTERS STATION	\$0		
	6248 FALLS STATION	\$0		
	6250 MISCELLANEOUS FACILITY EXPENSE	\$500		
	TOTAL FACILITY EXPENSE		\$27,740	\$27,740
EQUIPMENT EXPENSE				
	6305 VEHICLE REPAIR/MAINTENANCE	\$5,000		
	6310 FUEL/LUBRICANTS	\$7,000		

	6315 MINOR VEHICLE REPAIR	\$1,500		
	6320 OFFICE EQUIPMENT RENTAL	\$1,525		
	6325 OFFICE EQUIP. REPAIR / MAINTENANCE	\$150		
	6330 MISCELLANEOUS OFFICE EQUIPMENT	\$750		
	6331 LOCK BOXES	\$0		
	6335 COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT	\$5,000		
	6340 EQUIPMENT TESTING	\$4,400		
	6341 HYDRANT TESTING	\$2,100		
	6345 PROTECTIVE GEAR	\$10,000		
	6347 NOZZLES/HOSES	\$4,000		
	6350 OTHER EQUIPMENT & TOOLS	\$4,000		
	TOTAL EQUIPMENT EXPENSE		\$45,225	
	MATERIALS/SUPPLIES			
	6400 GENERAL OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$1,500		
	6405 DATA PROCESSING SUPPLIES	\$1,200		
	6410 SMALL TOOLS	\$1,200		
	6415 CLEANING SUPPLIES	\$2,000		
	TOTAL MAT/SUP		\$5,900	
	TOTAL EQUIP/MAT/SUP			\$51,325
	OUTSIDE SERVICES			
	6450 CONSULTING	\$2,000		
	6455 POSTAGE/SHIPPING	\$1,000		
	6460 ACCOUNTING SERVICES	\$3,700		
	6465 AUDIT	\$7,500		
	6470 LEGAL	\$5,000		
	6475 BANKING SERVICES	\$0		
	TOTAL OUTSIDE SERVICES		\$19,200	\$19,200
	TAXES, LICENSE, INSURANCE			
	6500 PROPERTY TAXES	\$0		
	6505 VEHICLE LICENSES	\$0		
	6510 VEHICLE INSURANCE	\$2,500		
	6515 FACILITY INSURANCE	\$5,000		
	6520 LIABILITY INSURANCE	\$2,500		
	6525 DISABILITY INSURANCE	\$2,500		
	TOTAL TAXES, LIC, INS		\$12,500	\$12,500
	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE			
	6600 DUES/SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$1,650		
	6605 FIRE MEETINGS / CONFERENCES	\$2,000		
	6610 REGISTRATION AND FEES	\$2,000		
	6615 TRANSPORTATION AND LODGING	\$3,000		
	6619 IN-HOUSE MEETING EXPENSE	\$1,500		
	6620 MEALS	\$2,500		
	6625 REFERENCE MATERIALS	\$1,200		
	6630 AWARDS	\$1,500		
	6632 PUBLIC EDUCATION	\$7,000		
	6635 OTHER EXPENSES	\$1,000		
	6636 GRANT WRITING	\$500		
	6637 NEWSPAPER ADS	\$200		
	TOTAL MSC. EXPENSE		\$24,050	\$24,050
	TOTAL EXPENSES (IFSS BOND)		\$459,205	\$459,205
	BOND PAYMENT	\$76,702		
	TOTAL BOND EXPENSE		\$76,702	\$76,702
	TOTAL EXPENSES		\$535,907	\$535,907
	CAPITAL RESERVE		\$58,293	\$58,293
	TOTAL REQUIREMENTS		\$594,200	\$594,200

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
OCONEE COUNTY, SC**

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: April 17, 2007
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 3:00 PM

ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:

Request for approval of ATAX grant request from Blue Ridge Arts Council for \$1,370.00 for the promotion of the Jewelry Art/Glass Show. Request approved in ATAX Committee on 03-28-07 by a unanimous vote.

BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:

State ATAX funds are received quarterly and 65% of those funds are Tourism Related funds that are to be disbursed as recommended by the ATAX Committee and approved by County Council.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of ATAX grant request of \$1,370.00 to the Blue Ridge Arts Council.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

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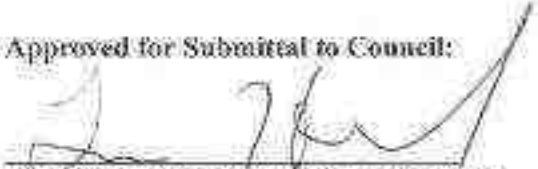
ATTACHMENTS:

Blue Ridge Arts Council Grant

Submitted or Prepared By:

Phil Shirley, PRT Director
Department Head/Elected Official

Approved for Submittal to Council:


Tom Hendricks, County Administrator

Reviewed By/ Initials:

 County Attorney

 Finance

 Grants

 C: Clerk to Council

**OCONEE COUNTY ATAX GRANT
APPLICATION FORM
FOR TOURISM RELATED PROJECTS**

I. APPLICANT

A. Name of Organization Blue Ridge Arts Council

B. Address 111 E. South Second St., Seneca, SC 29678

II. FUNDS REQUESTED

A. ATAX Funds Requested \$ 1,370.00

How will ATAX Funds be used? ATAX funds will be used to enhance participation in the Jewelry & Glass Invitational Show at the Blue Ridge Arts Center, opening July 20, 2007, and to encourage viewers' attendance from communities more than 50 miles away from Oconee County. Advertisement throughout the region in a variety of media, the design, printing and mailing of invitations, show cards, printing of the exhibition catalog, and advertising for the opening reception will be included in the funded activities.

B. Estimated percentage of costs directly attributed to attracting or serving tourists? 20%

D. Funds furnished by your organization \$

Matching grant \$ _____ Source

Other Funding \$ _____ Source: City of Seneca, HATax

Source:

E. Provide an itemized budget for your event **and** for allotted funds. **THIS IS REQUIRED**, attach on a separate sheet.

One bid sheet will be furnished at the meeting.

OCONEE ATAX Grant Application

III. NARRATIVE PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. Project Title: Blue Ridge Art Council's Invitational Jewelry & Glass Show

B. Description of project: The Jewelry & Glass Invitational Show is an opportunity for BRAC to encourage artists both from among our membership as well as from outside the area to join in a prestigious event. The chairperson of this event is originally from Asheville, NC. We hope that she will entice artists from that area to join the show. Better advertising throughout South Carolina will also draw more artists to Oconee County for the show. This, in turn, will attract larger crowds of visitors to the gallery to view the show.

C. How will the project influence tourism in Oconee County?

By increasing the publicity for artists from a wider geographic area to enter the invitational show, the level of quality of the artwork submitted will increase. This will increase the number of visitors both from the local area as well as from afar. Inviting artists from, for example the Greenville or Asheville areas, will draw visitors familiar with their work from those venues. These visitors will utilize restaurants, lodging, and shops in the county.

IV. DATES OF PROJECT

Beginning July 20, 2007 Ending September 14, 2007

V. APPLICANT CATEGORY

Government Entity

Non-profit Organization; Incorporation date 1970

Eleemosynary Organization under IRS Code; IRS # 23-7360169

Date of Determination Letter October 1974

VI. DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

How will the project influence tourism in Oconee County? The featured mediums in this first time exhibit will stimulate new interest and attract additional visitors to BRAC and Oconee County. The publicity will open a door for art enthusiasts to discover what Oconee County has to offer; as visitors coming to the gallery will be exposed to the Historic downtown area of Seneca and the natural wonders of our county. The Center's lobby will have brochures available to all visitors, highlighting upstate activities. These visitors will also patronize restaurants, lodging, and shops in the county.

How many visitors/participants attended the event last year and are anticipated this year? new event; no data available

How many of the visitors/participants were from beyond a 50 mile radius of Oconee County last year and are anticipated this year? new event; no data available

How many overnight stays were created by this event last year and are anticipated this year? See above response

How do you plan to advertise this event beyond a 50 mile radius of Oconee County?

Website updates, Greenville News, Anderson Independent, Sandlapper Magazine, Carolina Arts publication, Arts Daily, (website of SCAC), North and Cable ads, Asheville, NC radio and tv, Arts & More, (publication of the SC Heritage Corridor Arts Trail).

What other documentation can you provide demonstrating this event promotes Tourism in Oconee County? (i.e. photographs, letters from local chambers of commerce, restaurants, shop or accommodations owners) see attached

What records will be kept during this event to obtain the above demographic data? (i.e. guest logs, phone logs, accommodations contracts, website hits, advertising demographics) records for demographic data include guest log, website hits and phone contacts.

VII. AUDIT

Does your organization perform an independent audit? Yes X No _____

Name of the Auditor Peter Conko

VIII. Will your project be using any funds from another group that received ATAX funds? Yes, City of Seneca's Hospitality & Accommodations Tax

I have read the guidelines for the Oconee County Accommodations Grant Request and do hereby agree to comply with all rules and requirements. I understand failure to comply may result in a loss of funding for the project and that all information required for final reporting MUST be detailed when project is complete.

A. Contact Name: Bess Ciupak Title: President

Signature *Bess Ciupak* Date 3/15/12

Address 310 Lake Winds Ct., Seneca, SC 29672

E-mail ciupaks@anf.com Fax No. (864) 882-2722

Phone Number (s) 864-882-9131

B. Alternate Contact: Cindy Blair Title: Grants Chairperson, Secretary

Address 228 Winding Oaks Drive Seneca, SC 29672

E-mail linenmaven@bellsouth.net Fax No. 864-882-3364

Signature *Cindy Blair* Date 3/15/12

Phone Number (s) 864-882-3364 or 864-973-3921 (cell)



1376 118 Tiger Boulevard
 Post Office Box 767
 Clemson, South Carolina 29633
 Telephone: (864) 654-4000
 Fax: (864) 654-7498
 www.epprint.com

Invoice

DATE	INVOICE NO
1/23/2007	58057

BILL TO
Blue Ridge Arts Council 111 E. South 2nd Street Seneca, SC 29678

SHIP TO
Blue Ridge Arts Council 111 E. South 2nd Street Seneca, SC 29678

P.O. NO.	TERMS	REP	SHIP DATE	SHIP VIA	ORDERED BY	PHONE #
	No 11	BAR	1/23/2007		Lisa Kiser	864-882-2722

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
Copy Color	Color Posters for Postmenus, 8.5 x 14, Gloss Cover, Stock	12	0.95	11.40
<i>Order # 6327 1-28-07</i>				

Thank you for your business. We look forward to serving you again!

Total

\$11.40



PO Box 1767
Seneca, SC 29679
Ph. 854.897.3699
Fax 854.882.7778
mktg@printitcolor.com

INVOICE

Invoice #	Invoice Date
32754	12/30/2008
Sales Rep: HOUSE	
Customer#: 132	
Page: 1	

BILL TO:

BLUE RIDGE ARTS COUNCIL
111 E SOUTH 2ND STREET
SENECA, SC 29678

SHIP TO:

BLUE RIDGE ARTS COUNCIL
111 E SOUTH 2ND STREET
SENECA, SC 29678

Customer's Terms	Customer's Phone	Customer's Fax	Customer Contact	Purchase Order #	Customer Service Rep.
Net 30 Day	(864) 896-6700	-	STEVE SOKOL		MIKE WALLACE

Quantity	Description	Tax	Sub-Total
1,000	Postcards - PENTIMENTO White 12 Pt Kramercolor Plus CC15 Copies on 4.25 x 5.5 2 Side To 2 Side, Uncollated 500 Copies	Y	325.00

Order # 6299-1-12-07

*30 cents sheet
changed on
10-11-06 Price
321.25*

*← 341.25
- 30
311.25*

Ship Via	Sub-Total	Tax Rate %	Tax	Freight	Deposit	Amount Due
CUSTOMER TO	325.00	5.00%	16.25	0.00	0.00	341.25

Thank You

Print It!
Design Print Mail

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Seneca, SC 29679
Ph 864.882.3669
Fax 864.882.7778
mail@printitcdo.com

STATEMENT

Page: 1
Statement Date: 01/31/2007
Customer #: 132
Terms: Net 30 Day
Range: All Invoices

BLUE RIDGE ARTS COUNCIL
111 E SOUTH 2ND STREET
SENECA, SC 29678

Contact: PERRY WOODWORTH
Phone: (864) 844-6774 Ext:
Fax: -
Sales Rep: HOUSE ACCOUNT

Print Date	Invoice #	Description	Orig. Inv. Bal	Open Inv. Bal	Credit	Total Pay Amt	Balance
05/2006	32813		396.18	396.18	<i>paid in show</i>		396.18
	1	Brochures-CALL FOR ENTRY					
02/2006	32703		621.88	621.88	<i>no interest</i>		621.88
	1	Newsletter-01/07 MAIL WINTER 2007 NEWSL					
	2	Mails-TAGADORESS/TRAY					
	3	Customer Postage					
06/2006	32754		341.25	341.25			0.00
Check No.	6299	01/19/2007			-341.25	341.25	
	1	Postcards-SENTIMENTAL <i>Quick Show</i>					

you for your business! This statement reflects payments received as of 01/31/2007.

Getting an impression on your prospects and customers can be a daunting task. The good news is, well-designed postcards have the power to inform people of your products and services and inspire them to do business with your company, without overwhelming them with too much information. Just a quick glance at your card will let them know that you have just what they need. Call us at 864-3609 to see how we can help you get it right and mail your next postcard!

John H. 6347 2-14-07

Current	31 Days	61 Days	91 Days	121 Days	Balance Due
0.00	1,019.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,019.74

Subj: Fw: Requested Quotes
Date: 2/23/2007 1:35:11 P.M. Eastern Standard Time
From: office@BlueRidgeArtsCenter.com
To: ciupaks@aol.com

----- Original Message -----

From: Denise Painter *Printer*
To: "BRAC"
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2007 4:32 PM
Subject: Requested Quotes

Bess:

I took a look at this and was able to quote some of it, but I had to make some assumptions and in one case I could not quote it because I didn't have enough information. If you would like to take a look at the following specs and maybe gather some more info, I can refine it to your needs.

I'm going to go step by step. Your original requests are in red, and my quote and notes are in black.

1000 Postcards - 4.25" x 5.50" (4/sheet) card stock
Front: low gloss, full color
Back: no gloss, black and white printing
No address

This one was easy, with almost all of the info I needed. The only thing I didn't know is whether the postcards had a bleed or not - that would tell me if we're running it on an 8.5 x 11 sheet or a larger one (to account for the bleed and the gripper on the press. I quoted it as if it did not have a bleed. Price is \$405.50.

500 Call for Entry
8-1/2 x 11 - 24# paper
printed both sides, tri-folded
addressed

As we have done these before, I simply pulled the last job forward. Since I didn't know if we were printing in black and white or color ink or both, I used the last job which was 2/1 (black/reflex over black). If you need it quoted a different way let me know. I did not include any mailing charges other than addressing. Price is \$316.00

11 x 14 - 24# paper
printed both sides, tri-folded
addressed

As 11 x 14 paper is not a standard size, especially for brochures, I assumed you meant 8.5 x 14 and quoted it as such. Otherwise I used the specs above. Price is \$329.00

Friday, February 23, 2007 America Online: Ciupaks

PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN UPPER PORTION WITH YOUR REMITTANCE

DATE	NEWSPAPER ADVERTISED	DESCRIPTION - OTHER COMMENTS / CHARGES	QUANTITY BILL PER QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE PER AD	GROSS AMOUNT	NET AMOUNT
12/31		Previous Balance				0.00
01/13	Ad #143514	Display Invoice	2.00 x 4.0000	1		51.28
	Order #25105	Independent Mail		8.1	6.41	
01/14	Ad #143515	Display Invoice	2.00 x 4.0000	1		59.60
	Order #28105	Independent Mail		8.1	7.45	
01/17	Ad #143518	Display Invoice	2.00 x 4.0000	1		46.00
	Order #25105	ConnectPickers Advant. Guide		8	5.75	
01/13	Ad #143516	Display Invoice	2.00 x 4.0000	1		4.00
	Order #25105	Internet		8	0.50	
01/14	Ad #143517	Display Invoice	7.00 x 4.0000	1		4.00
	Order #25105	Internet		8	0.50	
01/31		Balance Due				164.88

~~PAID~~
 Credit

Journal Show

Journal 6351 2-14-07

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

Amount of Paid for Advertisements

CURRENT NET AMOUNT DUE	15 DAYS	30 DAYS	45 DAYS	UNAPPLIED AMOUNTS	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE
\$164.88	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$164.88

Advertiser: **Independent Mail**
 11001 Independence Blvd
 Charlotte, NC 28227-1000
 Telephone: 704-544-0300 Fax: 704-544-0302

* UNAPPLIED AMOUNTS ARE INCLUDED IN TOTAL AMOUNT DUE

STATEMENT NUMBER	BILLING PERIOD		BILLED ACCOUNT NUMBER	ADVERTISER/CLIENT NUMBER	ADVERTISER/CLIENT NAME
	START DATE	END DATE			
72287	01/01/2007	01/31/2007	38118	38118	BLUE RIDGE ARTS CENTER



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ADVERTISING INVOICE

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CUSTOMER NO.	INVOICE NO.
210973	0002998163
DUE DATE	AMOUNT DUE
02/24/07	\$285.40
FOR THE PERIOD	THRU
01/01/07	02/04/07

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BLUE RIDGE AK'S COUNCIL
111 F SOUTH 2ND ST
SENECA SC 29678-3403



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11			PREVIOUS BALANCE						00
02	PKG1		ZONED FLIGHT PLAN						285.40
			<i>paid at 6354</i>						
			<i>2-15-07</i>						
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			<i>paid 3/15/07</i>						

PLEASE PRINT NAME AND RETURN UPPER PORTION WITH YOUR REMITTANCE

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	DEBIT	CREDIT	BALANCE
03/31	Previous Balance				0.00
04/22	Ad #79045	2.00 x 6,000			12.00
	Order #13150			2.25	
04/29	Ad #79047	2.00 x 6,000			12.40
	Order #13160			1.20	
04/22	Ad #79046	2.00 x 6,000			13.60
	Order #13160			0.75	
04/30	Balance Due				101.40

Print # 6023 5-9-06

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

AGING OF PAST DUE AMOUNTS

Current	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	Over 90 Days	Total
\$101.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$101.40

Independent Mail
 30456
 04/01/2006 - 04/30/2006

UNAPPLIED AMOUNTS ARE INCLUDED BY TOTAL AMOUNT DUE

ACCOUNT NO.	PERIOD	START DATE	END DATE	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
30456	04/01/2006 - 04/30/2006	38116	38116		BLISS RIDGE ARTS CENTER



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 111 E SOUTH 2ND ST
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CUSTOMER NO.	INVOICE
210973	000284
DUE DATE	AMOUNT
10/14/08	\$277.28
FOR THE PERIOD	THRU
08/28/06	09/24/0

DATE	EDT	CLASS	DESCRIPTION	COL	LINES/INCHES	TIMES RUN	TOTAL SIZE	RATE	AMOU
0828 090/	PKG1		PREVIOUS BALANCE ZONED FLIGHT PLAN						
<i>Price # 6189 9-30-06</i>									

CURRENT	OVER 30 DAYS	OVER 60 DAYS	OVER 90 DAYS	OVER 120 DAYS	TOTAL DU
\$277.28	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$277.28

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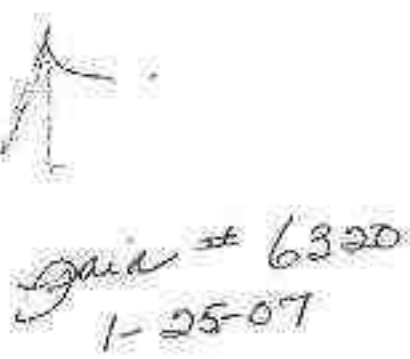
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1/16/2007	18021

BILL TO:
Rice Ridge Arts Council 111 E. South 2nd Street Seneca, SC 29578

SHIP TO:
Rice Ridge Arts Council 111 E. South 2nd Street Seneca, SC 29578

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	Net 15	BAK	1/16/2007		Bak	864-882-9131
ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT		
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Copies Color	Program Print, 2008 Coupler Cover, 8.5 x 11, folded & attached	250	0.70	175.00		
						
Thank you for your business. We look forward to serving you again!					Total	225.00

**JEWELRY/GLASS EXHIBIT
BUDGET**

	A	B	C
1	DESCRIPTION	Jewelry/Glass	
2			
3	Reception	Total	\$ 400.00
4			
5	Printing / Postage:		
6			
7	Postcards	\$	390.00
8	Programs/ Inserts	\$	350.00
9	Posters / Tags	\$	50.00
10	Total Printing	\$	790.00
11	Ads:		
12	Greenville	\$	300.00
13	Anderson Independent	\$	200.00
14	Carolina Arts	\$	80.00
15	Daily Journal	\$	150.00
16	Total Advertising	\$	730.00
17			
18			
19	TOTAL BUDGET	\$	1,520.00
20			
21	GRANT APPLICATION REQUEST		\$1,370.00
22			
23			
24			

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
OCONEE COUNTY, SC

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: April 17, 2007
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 3:00 PM

ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:

Request for approval of ATAX grant request from Oconee Community Theatre for \$3,400.00 for promotion of Weekend Theatre Package. Request approved in ATAX Committee on 03-28-07 by a unanimous vote.

BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:

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SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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ATTACHMENTS:

Oconee Community Theatre Grant

Submitted or Prepared By:

Phil Shirley, PRT Director
Department Head/Elected Official

Approved for Submittal to Council:


Tom Hendricks, County Administrator

Reviewed By/ Initials:

_____ County Attorney

 Finance

 Grants

C: Clerk to Council

For Tourism Related Projects

I. Applicant

Geonce Community Theatre
PO Box 291
Seneca, SC 29679
Phone: 864 882-1910

Bill Chiusano
Executive Director

II. Funds Requested

- A. ATAX Fund Requested \$6500.00
- B. How will ATAX funds be used? The advertise OCT's Weekend Theatre Package in newspaper, radio and Cable TV in NE Georgia and Western NC for our seven show 2007-08 season that runs from August 2007 to June 2008.
- C. Provide itemized budget. Three estimates for work to be done. Attached
- D. Funds furnished by your organization \$ 0

III. Narrative Project Description:

- A. Project Title: Weekend Theatre Package
- B. Description of Project: Promote Weekend Theatre Package that would include two tickets to an OCT show, dinner for two at local restaurant and an overnight stay at an Oconee County hotel. Target areas are NE Georgia and Western NC. We intend to advertise in the local newspapers, radio stations and Cable TV in these areas.
- C. Who will benefit from this project? OCT will benefit from an increase in attendance. The hotel and restaurant will benefit from increased occupancy and food sales. Additionally, local merchants will benefit from this increased traffic as these out of town folks will shop our local stores and buy gas and related items during their stay in Oconee County.

IV. Dates of Project

Beginning: August 2007

Ending: June 2008

V. Applicant Category

Non-profit Organization:

Incorporated date: October 1971

Fed ID 23-7228997

Bid sheets will be presented at the meeting

VI Demographic Data

How will project influence tourism in Oconee County?

OCT is presently a major tourism draw in the county. By partnering with these other businesses we will attract patrons from outside our county that otherwise would not visit and spend money in Oconee. As a result of this promotion we will be able to attract more folks to our shows increase the dollars spent at the restaurants, shops and gas stations our patrons will frequent as a result of their theater activities.

How many visitors/participants attended events this year and anticipated next year?

We drew over 8500 attendees this season (Sept '06 through June '07). We expect to draw over 9000 attendees to our shows next season.

How many overnight stays were created by this event last year and are anticipated next year?

Last year (season) 39
Next Year - 100

How do you plan to advertise this event beyond a 50-mile radius of Oconee County?

The advertising program will include spots on WHLC in Highlands/Cashiers, Sky 104 in Clayton/Toccoa and print ads in the Toccoa, Clayton, Highlands and Cashiers newspapers. Cable TV ads will run on Northland Cable systems in Toccoa and Highlands/Cashiers.

What other documentation can you provide demonstrating this event promotes Tourism in OC?

We keep records of attendees for all our shows. Previously, our audiences were 85% from Oconee County. Through our more extensive regional advertising we have increased the outside OC attendance from 15% to 20%. We achieved this through previous Weekend Theatre Package promotions. Last season we sold 17 packages and handled over 41 inquiries about the program. An additional 269 patrons attended our shows from the areas we advertised in NE Georgia and Western NC even though they do not use the Weekend Package offer.

What records will be kept during this event to obtain the above demographic data?

We keep detailed records of all attendees for all our shows throughout the season. These records include a reservation list for each show sorted by name, phone number, # in party and ticket status. For our Weekend Theatre Package we keep a log by day of all inquiries concerning the program. We track whether they purchase a package and/or why they do not. We also track questions concerning the details of the package for future reference and potential changes in the program from year to year.

We also track for each reservation what media influenced their decision to attend one of our shows.

VII. Audit

Does your organization perform an independent audit? Yes

Name of Auditor: **Reneta Owens, CPA**

VIII.

Will your project be using any funds from another group that received ATAX funds?

Yes, we have applied for a **SC Arts Commission Cultural Tourism Initiative Grant**.

This ATAX grant will be the matching funds needed for the **SC Arts grant**.

Oconee Community Theatre
Budget for Weekend Theatre Package Promotion
August 2007 – June 2008

Media Budget

Newspapers –	Toccoa, Clayton, Highlands and Castles 10" ad to run 2x's per show	\$3456.00
Radio –	Sky 104 and WHLC stations 25 spots per show on each station	\$3444.00
Cable TV –	Northland Systems in Toccoa & Highlands 50 spots per show on both systems	\$3100.00
Graphic artist	Create all ads for print, radio and TV \$285.71 per show	\$2000.00
Administrative	OCT staff time devoted to media purchases and coordinating all inquires and reservations	\$1000.00
Total Budget for Promotion		\$13,000.00

I have read the guidelines for the Oconee County Accommodations Grant Request and do hereby agree to comply with all rules and requirements. I understand failure to comply may result in a loss of funding for the project and that all information required for final reporting MUST be detailed when project is complete.

A. Contact Name Bill Chausano Title Executive Director
Signature [Signature] Date 3/12/07
Address PO Box 291, Seneca, SC 29679
E-mail OConnect@imiva.net Fax No. 864-882-1910
Phone Number (s) 864-882-1910

B. Alternate Contact: Wanda Simpson Title ACT Board Member
Address PO Box 291, Seneca, SC 29679
E-mail OConnect@imiva.net Fax No. 864-882-1910
Signature [Signature] Date 3/12/07
Phone Number (s) 864-882-1910

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
OCONEE COUNTY, SC

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: April 17, 2007
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 3:00 PM

ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:

Request for approval of ATAX grant request from Seneca Woman's Club for \$2,000.00 for Renovation of Historic Garage. Request approved in ATAX Committee on 03-28-07 by a unanimous vote.

BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:

State ATAX funds are received quarterly and 65% of those funds are Tourism Related funds that are to be disbursed as recommended by the ATAX Committee and approved by County Council.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of ATAX grant request of \$2,000.00 to the Seneca Woman's Club.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Current ATAX fund balance is \$7,995.84. Three other grants were also recommended by the ATAX Commission on 3-28-07. If all grants are approved by Council, the ATAX fund balance will be \$ 301.84.

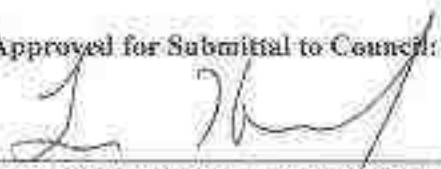
ATTACHMENTS:

Seneca Woman's Club Grant

Submitted or Prepared By:

Phil Shirley, PRT Director
Department Head/Elected Official

Approved for Submittal to Council:


Tom Hendricks, County Administrator

Reviewed By/ Initials:

 County Attorney

 Finance

 Grants

C: Clerk to Council

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OCONEE COUNTY ATAX GRANT APPLICATION FORM FOR TOURISM RELATED PROJECTS

I. APPLICANT

A. Name of Organization: Seneca Woman's Club

B. Address: 212 E. South Third Street Seneca, SC 29678

II. FUNDS REQUESTED

A. ATAX Funds Requested: \$4,000.00 - *Garage Restoration*

B. How will ATAX Funds be used? The Seneca Woman's Club needs outdoor accommodations for tourism events and to serve upstate groups in need of a meeting facility. The house will be a greater asset to the city and the region when the garage is restored for outdoor catered events. The financial support of our recently acquired Palmetto Pride grant will aid in restoring and expanding the gardens but it is necessary to renovate the garage which is presently unusable and unattractive. We currently have funds from a Seneca HATax grant for brochure and advertising our facility once it is suitable for greater use.

C. Estimated percentage of costs directly attributed to attracting or serving tourists? 20%

D. Funds furnished by your organization: As necessary to complete project see attached treasurer's report

Matching grant: \$4,000.00 Source: SC National Heritage Corridor Region

Other Funding: \$2,000.00

Source: Palmetto Pride grant

\$5,000.00

Source: City of Seneca HATax (grant

designated for advertising, brochures, and design of Web page over next 12 months)

E. Provide an itemized budget for your event and for allotted funds. **THIS IS REQUIRED**, attach on a separate sheet.

See last month's grant application for additional pages.

III. NARRATIVE PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. Project Title: Historic Ballenger House Garage Restoration

B. Description of project:

The Seneca Woman's Club is requesting funds from the Oconee County ATAX Commission to aid in restoration of the 80-year-old garage located on the grounds of the Ballenger House in the Seneca Historic District. Funds will be used to replace the roof, including the rafters, and to install two windows in the same design as the house and custom garage doors to fit the size of the current opening. A hard surface at the opening of the garage will extend the usefulness of the structure for caterers of special events. The installation of electricity is necessary to accommodate caterers, musicians, and outdoor lighting, as well as lighting for the inside of the garage. Historic neighborhood restrictions require that the roof be replaced with the same existing metal tiles. The roof will have the same pitch and the building will have the same type of cedar shingle gables. The driveway from the garage hard-surfaced area to the drive entrance on Third Street will be two concrete strips in conformity with the era of the house. A new slanted roof over the basement steps to divert water that now floods the basement during heavy rains is also part of the project. We are including the proposed landscape plans along with the architectural drawings so that you can better understand our overall vision of this project and its suitability to meet the needs of Oconee County.

Who will benefit from this project? :

Events hosted by the SWC provide additional venues for tourists. By having more to offer visitors they are more likely to stay in hotels and eat in restaurants and they are more likely to return for another event.

Upon completion of the garage restoration and grounds landscaping, we envision a property which will compete favorably with any in the area in attracting individuals and groups who need a beautiful and unique location to host a business or social event. Properties which can host an indoor/outdoor event are in short supply in Oconee County. We look forward to providing such a place which will bring tourism dollars to Seneca and Oconee County.

Beginning immediately on receipt of funding. Ending September 2007
(contingent on builder's schedule)

V. APPLICANT CATEGORY

Government Entity: _____

Non-profit Organization: Incorporation date: November 5, 1979

Eleemosynary Organization under IRS Code: IRS # 57-263-3756

Date of Determination Letter: September 1982

VI. DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

How will the project influence tourism in Oconee County?

Our ongoing restoration of this unique historic property has already proven to be an attraction to Seneca. The Historic Ballenger House is a designated "site" on the SCNHC. We are actively pursuing a website that will be linked to the SCNHC, the City of Seneca and our partners. This project will allow us to advertise ourselves as a viable option for larger groups looking for accommodations for meetings and events. The addition of a fourth of a city block for outdoor events is unmatched in Oconee County.

How many visitors/participants attended the event last year and are anticipated this year?

N/A but please see additional info at end of this application detailing Club cooperation and partnership with other non-profits and clubs to promote area and copies of guest registry.

How many of the visitors/participants were from beyond a 50 mile radius of Oconee County last year and are anticipated this year? 20%

How many overnight stays were created by this event last year and are anticipated this year?

Our events coincide with other Seneca events in order to ensure success and to partnership advertising efforts and costs.

How do you plan to advertise this event beyond a 50 mile radius of Oconee County?

Through our website which will be linked to DTMA, City of Seneca, SCNHC and BRAC. We are also included in advertising of events by the DTMA and BRAC. Our brochures will be in Welcome Centers and other SCNHC Sites.

Assoc.

What other documentation can you provide demonstrating this event promotes tourism in Oconee County? (i.e. photographs, letters from local chambers of commerce, restaurants, shop or accommodations owners)
See attachments

What records will be kept during this event to obtain the above demographic data? (i.e. guest logs, phone logs, accommodations contracts, website hits, advertising demographics): Website hits and guest registry includes home address
Guest Registry and website hits

VII. AUDIT

Does your organization perform an independent audit? Yes No
 Name of the Auditor Cheryl Brock

VIII. Will your project be using any funds from another group that received AFAX funds? No

I have read the guidelines for the Oconee County Accommodations Grant Request and do hereby agree to comply with all rules and requirements. I understand failure to comply may result in a loss of funding for the project and that all information required for final reporting MUST be detailed when project is complete.

A. Contact Name: Donna C. Burati Title President

Signature _____ Date: 2/15/07
 Address: 18020 Clermont Circle, Seneca, SC 29678
 E-mail: burati@bellsouth.net Fax No.: Same as phone/call first
 Phone Number (s): 654-4043(H) 710-6504(C)

B. Alternate Contact: Recky Hethcington Title: Assistant Grant Writer
 Address: 515 Hillandale Road Seneca, S.C. 29672
 E-mail: heather_by_keowee@earthlink.net Fax No.: N/A

Signature _____ Date: 2/15/07
 Phone Number (s): 985-1649(H)

VI. DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

The Historic Ballenger House, home of the Seneca Woman's Club, has been a landmark in Seneca for many years and currently provides a meeting place for seven individual clubs and social events for members and non-members.

The success of our promotional campaigns and of partnerships with other local non-profit organizations not only validates our goals, but also illustrates the need to broaden our market and to increase our capacity to serve the number of guests and events we can accommodate. As part of our plan to cooperate with local and regional fellow non-profit organizations in enhancing the visibility of our facility, during the past year the Ballenger House has been used by:

- 1) The Oconee Community Theater for a weekend strategic planning session.
- 2) The Clemson chapter of the DAR.
- 3) Clemson University Osher Lifelong Learning Institute for six-week courses on interior design.
- 4) Ninety works of art, submitted to Blue Ridge Arts Council's (BRAC) annual juried art show, were displayed in the house. At least 110 people viewed the art and toured the house on opening night. Guests included those from five states and four counties in South Carolina. The house was open on Sundays for the exhibit.
- 5) BRAC is also teaching art classes in the house.
- 6) Heritage Lecture Series programs are scheduled in the house from fall of 2006 through April of this year. The January lecture had at least 55 people in attendance and February approx. 75 people (Guest registry attached).
- 7) In 2006 the HBH was designated as a site on the South Carolina National Heritage Corridor. We are open for tours on Sunday afternoons from April thru August as part of the Region I Heritage Corridor tourism promotion. In only our second year of operation we had need for the building open for tours an additional three months.

- 8) In 2006 the house the HBH participated in the Lake and Mountain Quilters Biennial Quilt Show which attracted visitors from four counties in S.C. and six states.
- 9) The Woman's Club participates in the bi-monthly Seneca Downtown-Go-Round events and the annual Arts on the Alley festival. Both are advertised over a multi-state area with approximately 20% from outside a 50 mile radius.
- 10) The Club is represented on the Blue Ridge Field Restoration Committee and the Down Town Merchant's Association.
- 11) Chamber of Commerce uses the house for monthly board meetings.
- 12) The Historic Seneca Neighborhood Association uses the house for monthly meetings and social events.
- 13) We are cooperating with sister organizations in Pendleton and Anderson in mutual attempts to increase our understanding and ability to increase our visibility around the state and region.
- 14) Our president has attended seminars and meetings of the Oconee Alliance and the South Carolina Heritage Corridor with the aim of educating our members on how best to enhance our ability to attract tourists, provide an enjoyable experience for them while here, and leave them with the desire to visit again and bring friends.
- 15) The Director of Oconee County Parks, Recreation, and Tourism recently toured the house at our request. His input and advice was solicited in how we could best further this goal.
- 16) We recently received a \$5,000 grant from the City of Seneca HATAX for advertising and to develop a brochure for distribution in welcome centers, other SCNHIC sites and other points of interest to visitors.
- 17) We also received a \$2,000 grant from Palmetto Price to improve the garden in a way to encourage outdoor events. This is a vital part of the garage restoration project. We are looking forward to including this venue to our brochure.

The confidence of SCNHIC Region 1, the City of Seneca, and the State of SC have shown through our recent grants is evidence of our sustainability.

Subject: third bid
Date: 2/25/2007 12:53:38 AM Eastern Standard Time
From: burafid@comcast.net
To: burafid@comcast.net
Sent from the Internet (CML)

I just sent you the third bid. I hope to be able to go with this group. They are willing to do the job without fees for their work or supervision. It is always wonderful to find professionals willing to contribute their time and skills to non-profit organizations.

I have had problems getting a general contractor to do such a small job. It is evidently a common problem.

Please let me know if we need to come to a meeting to give explanations about our grants.

We have a meeting on Monday about getting our web-site set up. I got a call from SCNHC wanting to link us to all the regions. This is just what I needed to make me get on the stick. It is very exciting. I guess I'll be learning more than I ever thought about setting up a site.

My Mother is home now and hopefully OMH Home Health will start coming on Monday. I wasn't counting on her coming home five days before they could start. I guess you live and learn.

We go for biopsy of her lung on Wednesday. They will then decide if they can do the Radiation treatments. It will be five days and week for seven weeks. It seems tough but we are not the first to do this.

If you need to get me by phone (854-4043)(H) (710-6504)(C)

Donna Burafi Seneca Woman's Club/Historic Ballenger House

Subj: Fw: Seneca women's Club
Date: 2/25/2007 12:40:07 AM Eastern Standard Time
From: burati@bellsouth.net
To: cglake@ide@aol.com
Sent from the Internet (Outgoing)

Seneca Women's Club- Garage Project

Prestige Builder's
Dale Graham, Larry Henning, Dave Lewis

Permit-	\$ 250.00
Lumber (roofing, window, etc.)	\$ 2,500.00
Carpentry/Demolition Labor	\$ 4,800.00

Listed below will be the items that would be co-ordinated with our subcontractors with no contractor fees. As the project unfolds we will submit the respective bids to the board for approval. We view this as a wonderful opportunity to dedicate our resources towards a community service.

Windows
Cedar Shake Gables
Metal shingle roofing
Electrical/Fixtures
Garage Doors
Concrete, Brick, driveway

The goal is to provide the Seneca's Women's club with the best quality product, while staying within budget.

Sincerely,

Larry Henning- 882-3364

Subject: Historic Ballenger House Garage Restoration.doc
 Date: 3/12/2007 9:11:55 AM Eastern Standard Time
 From: burati@bellsouth.net
 To: cglskx.de@aol.com
 Sent from the Internet (Details)

Historic Ballenger House Garage Restoration Itemized Budget

Itemized Costs	Total	Region I	ATAX
Permit:	\$250	125.00	125.00
Material for garage: Roofing materials, lumber Garage doors and windows Electrical fixtures	\$2,500.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
Labor for Demolition of Roof and window and door Frames and carpentry labor To replace	\$4,800.00	2,400.00	2,400.00
City of Seneca to Provide Removal of debris at no cost To the project	-0-	-0-	-0-
Materials for roof over Basement steps	\$225.00	112.50	112.50
Labor to build roof over Basement steps	\$225.00	112.5	112.50
Total Costs	\$8,000	\$4,000	\$4,000

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
OCONEE COUNTY, SC

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: April 17, 2007
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 3:00 PM

ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:

Request for approval of ATAX grant request from Waihalla Merchants Association for \$924.00 for Skirt for Stage/Trailer. Request approved in ATAX Committee on 03-28-07 by a unanimous vote.

BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:

State ATAX funds are received quarterly and 65% of those funds are Tourism Related funds that are to be disbursed as recommended by the ATAX Committee and approved by County Council.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of ATAX grant request of \$924.00 to the Waihalla Merchants Association.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Current ATAX fund balance is \$7,995.84. Three other grants were also recommended by the ATAX Commission on 3-28-07. If all grants are approved by Council, the ATAX fund balance will be \$ 301.84.


ATTACHMENTS:

Waihalla Merchants Association Grant

Submitted or Prepared By:

Phil Shirley, PRT Director
Department Head/Elected Official

Approved for Submittal to Council


Tom Hendricks, County Administrator

Reviewed By/ Initials:

County Attorney

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Finance

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Grants

C: Clerk to Council

**OCONEE COUNTY ATAX GRANT
APPLICATION FORM
FOR TOURISM RELATED PROJECTS**

I. APPLICANT

A. Name of Organization Walhalla Merchants Association

B. Address Walhalla Chamber of Commerce
214 E. Main St. Walhalla SC 29691

II. FUNDS REQUESTED

A. ATAX Funds Requested \$ 7395.00

B. How will ATAX Funds be used? To purchase a 4 piece
skirt for stage-trailer 24ft. long and
30 inches in height and advertising "De Signe" of Seneca
will make it.

C. Estimated percentage of costs directly attributed to attracting or serving
tourists? \$ 60%

D. Funds furnished by your organization \$ none

Matching grant \$ 0 Source _____

Other Funding \$ 0 Source _____

E. Provide an itemized budget, **THIS IS REQUIRED**, attach on a separate sheet.

III. NARRATIVE PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. Project Title SKIRT For STAGE TRAILER

B. Description of project A 4 section skirt for stage trailer 24 ft long by 30m. no advertising on the skirt. "Designs" of Pioneer will create it.

C. Who will benefit from this project? The tourists and residents who come to the events.

Other groups such as Apple Festival, etc will be able to use & individuals may rent stage trailer to help pay for maintenance & upkeep. It will be used by many groups.

IV. DATES OF PROJECT

Beginning above 2006 Ending ASAP

V. APPLICANT CATEGORY

Government Entity: Chamber of Commerce

Non-profit Organization: Incorporation date 1979

Eleemosynary Organization under IRS Code: IRS # 24015769-1

Date of Determination Letter MAY 2, 1995

VI. DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

How will the project influence tourism in Oconee County? This would provide the ability to have more activities in town without having to borrow or rent a trailer from other sources. Trailer rental ranges from \$500-\$1000.

Oconee County ATAX Grant Application (Rev. 12/2003)

Application.doc

How many visitors/participants attended the event last year and are anticipated this year? The Cultural Festival had approximately 2500-4000 people. Oktoberfest attracts between 6000-7000.

How many of the visitors/participants were from beyond a 50 mile radius of Oconee County last year and are anticipated this year? Unknown

How many overnight stays were created by this event last year and are anticipated this year? unknown

How do you plan to advertise this event beyond a 50 mile radius of Oconee County?

In newspapers, radio and publications dealing with festivals and special events.

What other documentation can you provide demonstrating this event promotes Tourism in Oconee County? (i.e. photographs, letters from local chambers of commerce, restaurants, shop or accommodations owners) The Comm. Hon.

and Chamber keep logs on visitors by charting the "hits" on our website.

What records will be kept during this event to obtain the above demographic data? (i.e. guest logs, phone logs, accommodations contracts, website hits, advertising demographics) Census is taken at all events.

Raffle w/ registration is also done.

VII. AUDIT

Does your organization perform an independent audit? Yes No

Name of the Auditor The Chamber sends in a 990 form to the county.

VIII. Will your project be using any funds from another group that received ATAX funds? unknown at this time

I have read the guidelines for the Oconee County Accommodations Grant Request and do hereby agree to comply with all rules and requirements. I understand failure to comply may result in a loss of funding for the project and that all information required for final reporting MUST be detailed when project is complete.

A. Contact Name John H. Thomas Title merchant / member
Signature John H. Thomas Date 3-15-07
Address 120 E. main st. Wallhalla SC 29691
E-mail John9383@bellsouth.net Fax No. none
Phone Number (s) Business 864-638-7700 / Cell 864-723-2097

B. Alternate Contact Marlene Drake Title Pro
Address 222 E. MAIN ST. WALLHALLA
E-mail _____ Fax No. _____
Signature Marlene Drake Date 3-15-07
Phone Number (s) 638-0850

To The Atax Committee

Itemized Budget for Project

\$1395.00 is needed to complete the Stage-Trailer Project for the Merchants Association of Wethalla.

This money is necessary for the SKIRT around the bottom of the trailer. It will measure 24 feet times 4 in length and 30 inches in height. There will be no advertising on this and it will be made by DESIGNS of Seneca.

The money previously granted was used for the Stage-Trailer at \$22,500.00 + tax and \$1774.50 for a metal carport to house a truck of the city's so that we can use the covered garage for the Stage-Trailer.

Thank you.

John H. Thomas

A bid sheet or two will be furnished at the meeting for dealer bid turn.

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
OCONEE COUNTY, SC

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: April 17, 2007
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 3:00 P.M.

ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:

Revision and Re-justification of the Funding of Solid Waste Capital Building Line Item with Transfer.

BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:

The funding for the Solid Waste Capital Building line item for fiscal year 2006-2007 was originally submitted by the Solid Waste Department for replacing/repairing landfill scale-house and repairing transfer station floor. However, funding was only approved for the relocation of the landfill scales.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:

Upon evaluation by the Solid Waste Director, the relocation of the landfill scales is not justifiable at the present time. The scale-house building is in dire need of repairs (deteriorating floor, windows, roof, and exterior siding). The metal protective covering on the transfer station concrete walls is rapidly coming off exposing the concrete to abuse from the everyday wear and tear. The floor is in need of repair in several areas (exposed rebar, cracks) and also needs to be resealed.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Oconee County Solid Waste recommends that the landfill scale-house be repaired to prevent any further deterioration (\$16,000). The protective metal covering on the concrete walls needs to be replaced with a new covering to prevent further damage to the concrete walls (\$35,000). Materials need to be purchased in order to make minor repairs to floor, acid wash floor, and re-seal the concrete (\$8,000).

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

No additional financial impact will be incurred. Funding will need to be revised, re-justified and/or transferred.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Revision, Re-justification and Transfer Sheets

Submitted or Prepared By:


Swain T. Still, Solid Waste Director

Approved for Submittal to Council:


Tom Hendricks, County Administrator

Reviewed By/ Initials:

_____ County Attorney

C: Clerk to Council

 Finance

_____ Other

TRANSFER REQUEST

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
BUDGET REVISION FORM

DESCRIPTION REVISION

Please complete the highlighted fields and check to check the appropriate items. Print name, title and ward/office for 2000.

Job #

Job Title

DEPARTMENT NAME

4/13/2007
 DATE OF REQUEST

SIGNATURE OF DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR

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Line Item Budgeting
 LINE ITEM DESCRIPTION

AMOUNT TO TRANSFER
 \$0

EXPLAIN WHY THIS ITEM (OR ITEMS) IS REQUESTED AND WHY IT WAS NOT BUDGETED FOR.

\$95,000 was originally allocated to this line item to cover the scale at the Seveca Landfill. I would like to request that \$10,000 of these funds be utilized to make needed repairs to the transfer and exterior of the scale house at the Seveca Landfill. I would also like to request that \$25,000 be utilized for replacing / repairing the steel covering on the Transfer Station walls.

WAS THIS REQUESTED BY THE REQUESTOR OR BY THE BUDGET ALIENS? YES NO

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UNDESIRABLE

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Zan Ravinsky, County Commissioner

Phyllis E. Landford, Mayor

[Handwritten Signature]

TRANSFER REQUEST

**OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
BUDGET REVISION FORM**

DESCRIPTION REVISION

Please complete the appropriate fields and check to check the appropriate boxes. Print name/sign and send original to office.

FISCAL YEAR: 06-07 SOLID WASTE COUNTY NAME: OCONEE COUNTY SIGNATURE OF DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR: _____ DATE OF REQUEST: 4/13/2007

T	LINE ITEM ACCOUNT NUMBER	MAINTENANCE ON BUILDING / CREWING	LINE ITEM DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT TO TRANSFER	IS THIS REQUESTING A LINE ITEM BEING DELETED DURING THE BUDGET PROCESS?	YES	NO
1	016 - 718 - 50850 - 00000		Capital Buildings	\$8,000	AMOUNT TO TRANSFER (to be entered when added)		Amount to (Amount to)
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9			LINE ITEM ACCOUNT NUMBER				
10			LINE ITEM DESCRIPTION				

WHY ARE THERE EXCESS FUNDS IN THIS ACCOUNT? WHAT ITEM WILL BE DELETED THAT WAS AWKWARD DURING THE BUDGET PROCESS?

These funds were originally awarded to move the scale at the DeWitt landfill.

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APPROVED BY: _____

DATE: _____

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
OCONEE COUNTY, SC
COUNCIL MEETING DATE: April 17, 2007
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 3:00P.M.

ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:

Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2007-03

BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:

This Ordinance authorizes an Infrastructure Finance Agreement between Oconee County and Lift LLC and Lift Technologies, Inc. As has been announced Lift, LLC has purchased the former Oconee County Spec Building on Highway 11 and is up-fitting the facility for use by Lift Technologies. Lift Technologies currently has another operation in Oconee County. The new facility will house a new operation and not replace any of the current operations.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:

The Economic Development Commission has been working with Lift Technologies on this project for well over three years. The current proposal by Lift Technologies is to have 10-12 employees associated with a new process that will take place in the facility. The total investment by the two companies involved is predicated to be \$3.2M.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION:

It is recommended County Council approve the Second Reading of this Ordinance. This is a great opportunity for Oconee County that may lead to additional investment and job creation in the next 3-5 years.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

This agreement allows Lift LLC and Lift Technologies to receive an agreement similar to a Fee-In-Lieu-Of-Tax Agreement whereby they will receive a Special Source Credit of 30% for a 20 year period on their investment.


ATTACHMENTS:

The estimated taxes to be earned by the County from this agreement are shown by subtracting Column 5 numbers from Column 2 numbers. Assuming all investments are made in a timely manner the County will collect an estimated \$849,578 in net new taxes over the next 20 years. These are "new" dollars:

Submitted or Prepared By:

James W. Alexander
EDC Director

Approved for Submittal to Council:



Tom Hendricks
County Administrator

Reviewed By Initials:

_____ County Attorney

_____ Finance

Other

C: Clerk to Council

Atchs: Illustration of Fee-In-Lieu of Property Tax for Lift-Tee dated 4/11/2007

Illustration of Rec-In- of Property Tax

Life-Tec

Oconee

6%, locked millage

Year	Estimated Normal Taxes (No Incentive)	Estimated Taxes With Abatement	Estimated Fee Schedule	Savings Exc vs Abatement	30% Special Source Revenue
	1	\$57,783	\$45,753	\$38,733	\$7,020
2	\$56,059	\$44,596	\$37,380	\$7,217	\$ 13,379
3	\$64,314	\$43,412	\$36,027	\$7,385	\$ 15,074
4	\$62,517	\$42,199	\$34,673	\$7,526	\$ 12,660
5	\$60,678	\$40,958	\$33,320	\$7,637	\$ 12,287
6	\$58,795	\$39,795	\$31,967	\$28,829	\$ 17,639
7	\$56,871	\$38,614	\$30,614	\$26,256	\$ 17,061
8	\$54,900	\$37,433	\$29,261	\$25,640	\$ 16,479
9	\$54,983	\$36,252	\$27,908	\$25,966	\$ 16,495
10	\$55,533	\$35,071	\$26,555	\$26,518	\$ 16,669
11	\$56,083	\$33,890	\$25,202	\$27,073	\$ 16,827
12	\$56,649	\$32,709	\$23,849	\$27,634	\$ 16,993
13	\$57,216	\$31,528	\$22,496	\$28,201	\$ 17,165
14	\$57,788	\$30,347	\$21,143	\$28,773	\$ 17,336
15	\$58,366	\$29,166	\$19,790	\$29,351	\$ 17,510
16	\$58,949	\$27,985	\$18,437	\$29,935	\$ 17,685
17	\$59,539	\$26,804	\$17,084	\$30,524	\$ 17,862
18	\$60,134	\$25,623	\$15,731	\$31,119	\$ 18,040
19	\$60,736	\$24,442	\$14,378	\$31,721	\$ 18,221
20	\$61,343	\$23,261	\$13,025	\$32,328	\$ 18,403
TOTALS	\$1,189,253	\$1,084,811	\$629,154	\$464,657	\$ 235,233
NPV	\$637,558	\$551,592	\$339,989	\$211,603	\$ 165,478

Assumptions

Taxable Mill	\$ 1,235,000
Taxable Land/Bldg	\$ 2,275,000
Final Millage	0.2060
County Abatible	0.0665
Gen. Gov. Growth	0.00%
Annual Proposition	1.0%
Max Tool Deprec	0.0%

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
OCONEE COUNTY, SC
COUNCIL MEETING DATE: 4/26/07
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 3:00 pm

ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:

Adoption of Resolution 2007-02, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN INDUCEMENT AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND LIFT TECHNOLOGIES, INC. AND LIFT, LLC, WHEREBY, UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, OCONEE COUNTY WILL PROVIDE CERTAIN INFRASTRUCTURE CREDITS WITH RESPECT TO INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT IN RESPECT OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MANUFACTURING FACILITY IN THE COUNTY; AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS"

BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:

The County has determined and found, on the basis of representations of the Company, that the Project is anticipated to benefit the general public welfare of the County by providing services, employment, recreation or other public benefits not otherwise provided locally

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Staff recommends adoption of Resolution 2007-02 on first and final reading.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

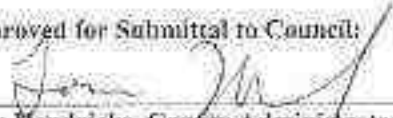
None to the County Budget, could have significant positive effect on citizens of Oconee County

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution 2007-02 and Inducement Agreement
Submitted or Prepared By:

Opal O. Green

Approved for Submittal to Council:


Tom Hendricks, County Administrator

Reviewed by/initials:

:County Attorney

:Finance

Resolution No. 2007-02

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN INDUCEMENT AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND LIFT TECHNOLOGIES, INC. AND LIFT, I.L.C, WHEREBY, UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, OCONEE COUNTY WILL PROVIDE CERTAIN INFRASTRUCTURE CREDITS WITH RESPECT TO INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT IN RESPECT OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MANUFACTURING FACILITY IN THE COUNTY; AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS

WHEREAS, OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA (the "County"), acting by and through its County Council (the "County Council"), is authorized and empowered under and pursuant to the provisions of Title 4, Chapter 1 (the "Multi-County Park Act") and Section 4-29-68 (the "SSRB Act"), Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, to enter into agreements with one or more contiguous counties for the creation and operation of joint county industrial and business parks, and to issue special source revenue bonds, or in the alternative, to provide infrastructure credits against payment in lieu of taxes for reimbursement in respect of investment in certain infrastructure enhancing the economic development of the County; all through which powers the industrial development of the State of South Carolina (the "State") will be promoted and trade developed by inducing manufacturing and commercial enterprises to locate or remain in the State and thus utilize and employ the manpower, products and resources of the State and benefit the general public welfare of the County by providing services, employment, recreation or other public benefits not otherwise provided locally; and

WHEREAS, Lift Technologies, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of South Carolina (the "Company"), and Lift, LLC, a South Carolina limited liability company (the "Landlord"), have requested the County to participate in the establishment in the County of a manufacturing facility of the Company through the acquisition, construction and installation of the necessary land, improvements, fixtures, machinery, equipment and furnishings and/or other real and/or tangible personal property (collectively, the "Project") by the Company, as owner of the personal property and lessee of the real property, and the Landlord, as owner and landlord of the real property, by executing an Inducement Agreement (i) confirming the inclusion of the Project in a joint county industrial and business park established pursuant to Article VIII, Section 13 of the South Carolina Constitution and the Multi-County Park Act, and (ii) providing for infrastructure credits against payments in lieu of taxes by the Landlord in respect of investment by the Landlord and, to the extent applicable, the Company, in the Project as qualified infrastructure enhancing the economic development of the County, including improvements to real estate used in the operation of the Project, within the meaning of the SSRB Act (the "Infrastructure"), all as more fully set forth in the Inducement Agreement attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined and found, on the basis of representations of the Company, that the Project is anticipated to benefit the general public welfare of the County by providing services, employment, recreation or other public benefits not otherwise provided locally; and, that the Project gives rise to no pecuniary liability of the County or any incorporated municipality or a charge against the general credit or taxing power of either; that the purposes to be accomplished by the Project, i.e., economic development, keeping of jobs, and addition to the tax base of the County, are proper governmental and public purposes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Council as follows:

Section 1. (a) Pursuant to the authority of the Multi-County Park Act, the County shall cause the Project to be included, for at least the term of the Infrastructure Finance Agreement referred to below, in a joint county industrial and business park established pursuant to agreement by the County with a contiguous county, as authorized, to the extent necessary, by subsequent ordinances of the County Council and the governing body of such other county.

(b) Pursuant to the authority of Section 4-1-175 of the Multi-County Park Act, and under the terms set forth in the Inducement Agreement referred to in Section 2 below, the County shall enter into an Infrastructure Finance Agreement to provide certain infrastructure credits against payments in lieu of taxes by the Landlord and, to the extent applicable, the Company, in respect of the Landlord's and, as applicable, the Company's, investment in the Infrastructure, all as prescribed by subsequent ordinance of the County Council.

Section 2. The Chairman of County Council is hereby authorized to execute an Inducement Agreement, substantially in the form attached hereto, in the name of and on behalf of the County, and the Clerk of County Council is hereby authorized to attest the same; and the Chairman of the County Council is hereby further authorized to deliver said executed Inducement Agreement to the Company.

Section 3. All orders, resolutions, and parts thereof in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed. This resolution shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage by the County Council.

DOH in meeting duly assembled this 17th day of April, 2007.

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

(SEAL)

By: _____
Chairman, County Council of
Oconee County, South Carolina

Attest:

By: _____
Clerk, County Council of
Oconee County, South Carolina

INDECEMENT AGREEMENT

THIS INDUCEMENT AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") made and entered into as of April 3, 2007 by and among **OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA**, a body politic and corporate and a political subdivision of the State of South Carolina (the "County"), **LIFT TECHNOLOGIES, INC.**, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of South Carolina (the "Company"), and **LIFT, L.L.C.**, a South Carolina limited liability company (the "Landlord").

WITNESSETH:

ARTICLE I RECITATION OF FACTS

Section 1.1. As a means of setting forth the matters of mutual inducement which have resulted in the making and entering into of this Agreement, the following statements of fact are herewith recited:

(a) The County is authorized by Article VIII, Section 13 of the South Carolina Constitution and Title 4, Chapter 1, Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended (the "Multi-County Park Act"), to enter into agreements with one or more contiguous counties for the creation and operation of joint county industrial and business parks, whereby the industrial development of the State of South Carolina (the "State") will be promoted and trade developed by inducing new industries to locate in the State and by encouraging industries now located in the State to expand their investments and thus utilize and employ manpower and other resources of the State and benefit the general public welfare of the County by providing services, employment, recreation or other public benefits not otherwise provided locally.

(b) The County is authorized by Section 4-29-68, Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended (the "SSRB Act"), and Section 4-1-172 of the Multi-County Park Act to provide infrastructure credits against payments in lieu of taxes to provide reimbursement to companies in respect of investment in infrastructure enhancing the economic development of the County, including improvements to real estate used in the operation of a manufacturing or commercial enterprise ("Infrastructure").

(c) The Company and the Landlord are considering the acquisition, installation and construction of land, improvements, fixtures, machinery, equipment, furnishings and/or other real and/or tangible personal property (the "Project") to constitute a manufacturing facility of the Company in the County.

(d) The Company and the Landlord are informed by the County that the land upon which the Project is to be constructed is currently located in a joint county industrial and business park established with Pickens County, South Carolina ("Pickens County") pursuant to the Multi-County Park Act and an agreement dated as of May 4, 1998 between the County and Pickens County, as amended (the "Pickens MCIP Agreement").

(e) In respect of the above, the Company, the Landlord and the County have agreed to negotiate the provision of infrastructure credits against payments in lieu of taxes by the Landlord, to provide reimbursement to the Landlord for a portion of its investment in infrastructure pertaining to the Project.

(f) The County has given due consideration to the economic development impact of the Project, and as a preliminary matter, hereby finds and determines that (i) the Project is anticipated to benefit the general public welfare of the County by providing service, employment, recreation or other

public benefits not otherwise provided locally, (ii) the Project will give rise to no pecuniary liability of the County or any incorporated municipality or a charge against the general credit or taxing power of either, and (iii) the purposes to be accomplished by the Project, i.e., economic development, retention of jobs, and addition to the tax base of the County, are proper governmental and public purposes.

ARTICLE II UNDERTAKINGS ON THE PART OF THE COUNTY

The County agrees as follows:

Section 2.1. The County, subject to the limits set forth herein, will (a) either maintain the Project site referred to above within the Pickens MCIP Agreement, or otherwise as necessary enter into an agreement with a contiguous county (the "Park Agreement") causing the Project to be located in a joint county industrial and business park pursuant to the Multi-County Park Act, all for the term of the Infrastructure Agreement defined below, and (b) provide infrastructure credits against payments in lieu of taxes by the Landlord pursuant to an Infrastructure Finance Agreement (the "Infrastructure Agreement"), to provide reimbursement to the Landlord, to the extent described herein, in respect of investment by the Landlord and, to the extent applicable, the Company in Infrastructure pertaining to the Project.

Section 2.2. Subject to the matters contained herein, the Infrastructure Agreement and any additional Park Agreement will be executed at such time and upon such acceptable terms as the Landlord and the Company shall request.

Section 2.3. Pursuant to Section 4-1-175 of the Multi-County Park Act, the County agrees to deliver an Infrastructure Agreement providing for infrastructure credits against payments in lieu of taxes by the Landlord, to reimburse the Landlord for a portion of the cost of the Infrastructure. Pursuant to the Infrastructure Agreement, the Landlord and, as applicable, the Company, shall be entitled to claim an annual infrastructure credit of up to twenty-five percent (25%) of each year's aggregate payments in lieu of taxes by the Landlord and the Company with respect to the Project, until such time as the cumulative amount of credits enjoyed shall equal the Incentive Amount defined below; provided, in no event shall the aggregate amount of Infrastructure Credits claimed exceed the aggregate amount expended by the Landlord and the Company with respect to the Infrastructure.

For these purposes, "Incentive Amount" shall be equal to the cumulative amount of savings as would have been enjoyed collectively by the Landlord and the Company with respect to the Project had the same been made subject to a fee in lieu of tax agreement with the County under Chapter 44 of Title 12, Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended (the "FILOT Act"), based on a 6% assessment ratio and a fixed millage rate of 204.0 mills, based on the initial (non-extended) investment period otherwise allowable under the FILOT Act.

Section 2.4. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, the authorization by the County of the Infrastructure Agreement and any additional Park Agreement are subject to compliance by the County (and in the case of any additional Park Agreement, the participating county) with the provisions of the Home Rule Act regarding the enactment of ordinances.

ARTICLE III
UNDERTAKINGS ON THE PART OF THE COMPANY AND THE LANDLORD

Section 3.1. The County will have no obligation to assist the Company or the Landlord in finding any source of financing for all or any portion of the property constituting the Project and the Company and the Landlord may endeavor to finance the Project to the extent required to finance the cost of the acquisition, construction and installation of the Project.

Section 3.2. If the Project proceeds as contemplated, the Company and the Landlord further agree to apply for, and use commercially reasonable efforts to obtain, all permits, licenses, authorizations and approvals required by all governmental authorities in connection with the construction and implementation of the Project.

Section 3.3. The Company and the Landlord together agree to invest not less than \$3,275,000 during the initial (non-extended) investment period otherwise allowable under the FIDIC Act.

ARTICLE IV
GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 4.1. All commitments of the County under Article II hereof are subject to all of the provisions of the Multi-County Park Act, including, without limitation, the condition that nothing contained in this Agreement shall constitute or give rise to a pecuniary liability of the County or any incorporated municipality or a charge against the general credit or taxing powers of either.

Section 4.2. All commitments of the County, the Company and the Landlord hereunder are subject to the condition that the County, the Company and the Landlord agree on mutually acceptable terms and conditions of all documents, the execution and delivery of which are contemplated by the provisions hereof, and the adoption by the County Council of an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of such documents and approving the terms thereof. Each party shall perform such further acts and adopt such further proceedings as may be required to faithfully implement its undertakings pursuant to the Infrastructure Agreement.

Section 4.3. The Company and the Landlord may, with the prior consent of the County (which shall not be unreasonably withheld), assign (including, without limitation, absolute, collateral, and other assignments) all or part of its rights and/or obligations under this Agreement to one or more other entities without adversely affecting the benefits to the Company and the Landlord or its assignees pursuant hereto or pursuant to the Act, provided, however, that the Company or the Landlord may, to the extent permitted by law, make any such assignment to an affiliate of the Company or the Landlord without obtaining the consent of the County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto, each after due authorization, have executed this Inducement Agreement on the respective dates indicated below, as of the date first above written.

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

(SEAL)

By: _____
Chairman, County Council
of Oconee County

Attest:

By: _____
Clerk, County Council of
Oconee County

[SECOND SIGNATURE PAGE OF INDUCEMENT AGREEMENT]

LIFT TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

LIFT, LLC

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____