



**Workforce Committee on Innovation Meeting
Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.**

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AGENDA

- I. Welcome and Opening Remarks Mr. Jay Holloway, Committee Chair
- II. Approval of Minutes from February 16, 2023* Mr. Holloway
- III. Digital Equity Act..... Ms. Sara Pincelli
- IV. SC at Work Road Trip Ms. Diana Goldwire
- V. Priority Updates Ms. Pamela Jones
- VI. Other Business/Adjourn..... Mr. Holloway

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**Governor’s State Workforce Development Board
February 16, 2023 Committee on Workforce Innovation Meeting Minutes**

Members Present:

Mr. Jay Holloway*, Chair
Ms. Valerie S. Richardson*
Ms. Susan H. Cohen
Mr. Craig Currey
Dr. Windsor W. Sherrill

Members Absent:

Ms. Felicia Johnson
Senator Ross Turner

Welcome and Opening RemarksMr. Jay Holloway, Committee Chair

Mr. Jay Holloway, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes from November 9, 2022*Mr. Holloway

Mr. Craig Currey motioned to approve the November 9, 2022, meeting minutes. Ms. Valerie Richardson seconded the motion, and the Committee unanimously approved the meeting minutes.

Shared Case Management..... Mr. Scott Ferguson

Mr. Scott Ferguson, Deputy Assistant Executive Director for Workforce Development, provided an update on the Shared Case Management System project. Implementing a shared or integrated case management system that will help to ensure that customers and employers have a seamless customer experience and receive the full range of services offered by the SC Works One-Stop model. Staff recommends the procurement of a consultant to work with WIOA partners to gather and compile the programmatic system requirements for each partner and recommending options to the partners and DEW to achieve a more integrated system.

Funding was approved during January 27, 2023, Executive Committee meeting to procure a consultant for a duration not to exceed 12 months.

Rural Outcomes Memo.....Ms. Sheleena Rios

To further the Committee’s priority to implement rural engagement strategies informed by the findings in the September 2022 Rural Workforce Analysis study conducted by USC Darla Moore School of Business, Ms. Sheleena Rios, Workforce Policy and Research Manager reviewed an outline for the Rural Outcomes Memo staff is developing. The memo will be a best practices guide that Local Workforce Development Boards (LWDB) can reference for strategies to address the long-term unemployment rate of job seekers in rural areas. The memo’s outline includes recommended strategies to prioritize workers in rural areas, Federal and State guidance, webinars and articles, and practical and innovative examples. Sector strategies, virtual service offerings, and innovative funding mechanisms are a few of the strategies that will be included in the memo.

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The Committee and meeting attendees discussed additional strategies, including optimizing the use of Connection Points and addressing transportation by repurposing school buses. The strategies and feedback received will be used to create the final Rural Outcomes Memo distributed to the LWDBs.

LMI Tools Mr. Alan Davis

One of the Committee’s priorities for PY’22 is to provide LMI (Labor Market Information) Training for board members. Mr. Alan Davis, Workforce Information Manager, provided a demonstration of the updated LMI webpage (scworkforceinfo.com) and tools. Mr. Davis explained that the data provided on the SC Workforce Info page is for SC’s labor market.

The LMI tools include LMI Insights, the monthly webinars, and the Trends newsletter, published monthly to show data trends across the state and develop a Tableau dashboard for the agency that covers current and historical employment statistics. The dashboard can be manipulated to show employment data specific to the user’s needs, such as regions, industries, wages and occupations, and time periods. Mr. Davis walked the Committee and attendees through the LMI dashboard, explaining how to narrow the information to the user’s needs.

Committee members and attendees at the meeting inquired about the data's source for specific population rates. Mr. Davis explained that data sources include the American Community Survey, which examines specific population demographics, and the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Other Business/Adjourn Mr. Holloway

Mr. Holloway reminded Committee members that the next full board meeting is scheduled for March 29, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

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Creation of the SC Digital Equity Office

- July 12, 2022 by letter from Governor Henry McMaster to Assistant Secretary Alan Davidson, The South Carolina Department of Administration was tasked with administering the DEA Program Award.
- The South Carolina Digital Equity Office was born from this assignment. will work in close collaboration with the Office of Regulatory Staff and the South Carolina Broadband Office.

Digital Equity Act created three programs to promote digital equity and inclusion

Funding pool
\$2.75B

Three programs that provide funding to promote digital inclusion and advance equity for all. They aim to ensure that all communities can access and use affordable, reliable high-speed Internet to meet their needs and improve their lives.

PROGRAMS HIGHLIGHTS

The Digital Equity Act created three programs:

State Planning

- \$60M formula funding program to develop digital equity plans

State Capacity

- \$1.44B formula funding program to implement plans & promote digital inclusion

Competitive

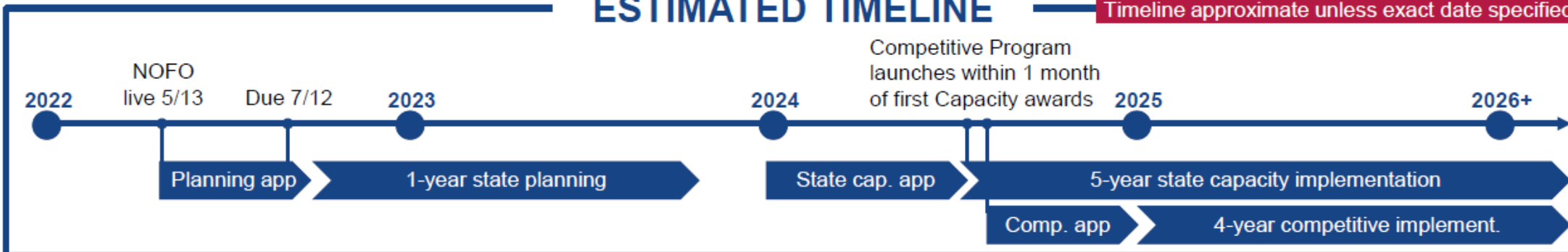
- \$1.25B to implement digital equity and inclusion activities

Example eligible uses of funds across three programs include:

- ☆ Developing digital equity plans; states must develop a plan to be eligible for state capacity grants
- ☆ Making awards to other entities to help make digital equity plans
- ☆ Improving accessibility and inclusivity of public resources
- ☆ Implementing digital equity plans and related activities
- ☆ Providing digital literacy and digital skills education
- ☆ Facilitating the adoption of high-speed Internet

ESTIMATED TIMELINE

Timeline approximate unless exact date specified



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- **Fairfield** | March 14, 2023
- **Anderson** | March 21, 2023
- **Williamsburg** | March 23, 2023
- **Oconee** | March 29, 2023
- **York** | March 30, 2023
- **Union** | April 4, 2023
- **Bamberg** | April 5, 2023
- **Spartanburg** | April 5, 2023
- **Barnwell** | April 5, 2023
- **Jasper** | April 6, 2023
- **Charleston** | April 13, 2023
- **Marion** | April 25, 2023
- **Clarendon** | May 2, 2023
- **Greenwood** | May 3, 2023
- **Florence** | May 9, 2023

Digital Equity and Workforce Development

-Technology-

- There is not much we can do in today's world that does not involve some sort of Technology. Lets talk about how that affects workforce Development across the state:
 - Lack of Accessibility -to highspeed internet or devices
 - Lack of Skills (digital skills)
- Partnerships with non profits, community stakeholder institutions, schools etc.
 - Create career opportunities/career growth for all residents by helping to provide the applicable skills, job programs, classes needed to succeed.

Questions for you..

All feedback will help build our 5 year plan and identify the specific needs of SC

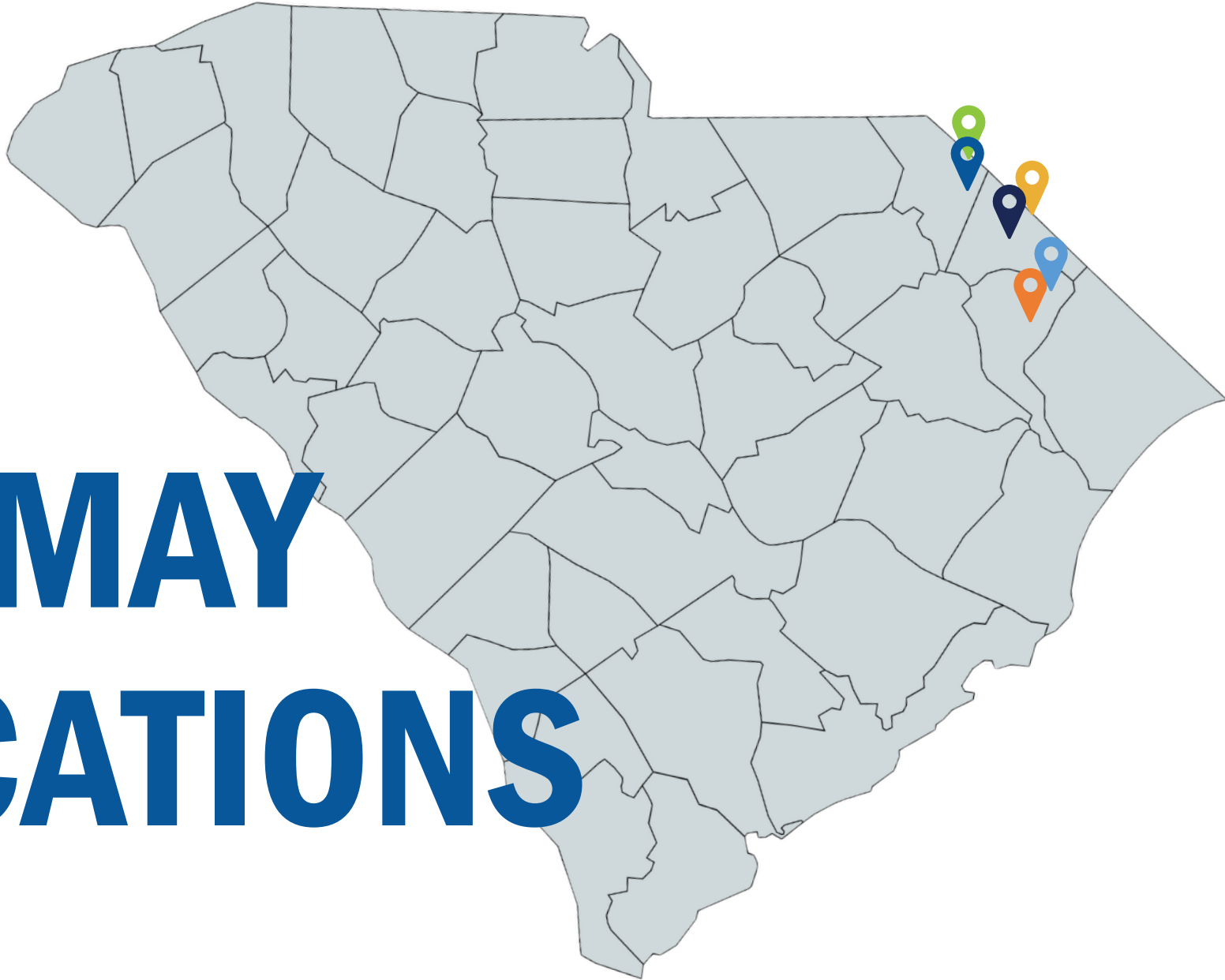
- Are you aware of any current programs that exist across State Agencies or the State as a whole, that focus on workforce development?
- What challenges do you see?
- What do you want to see?



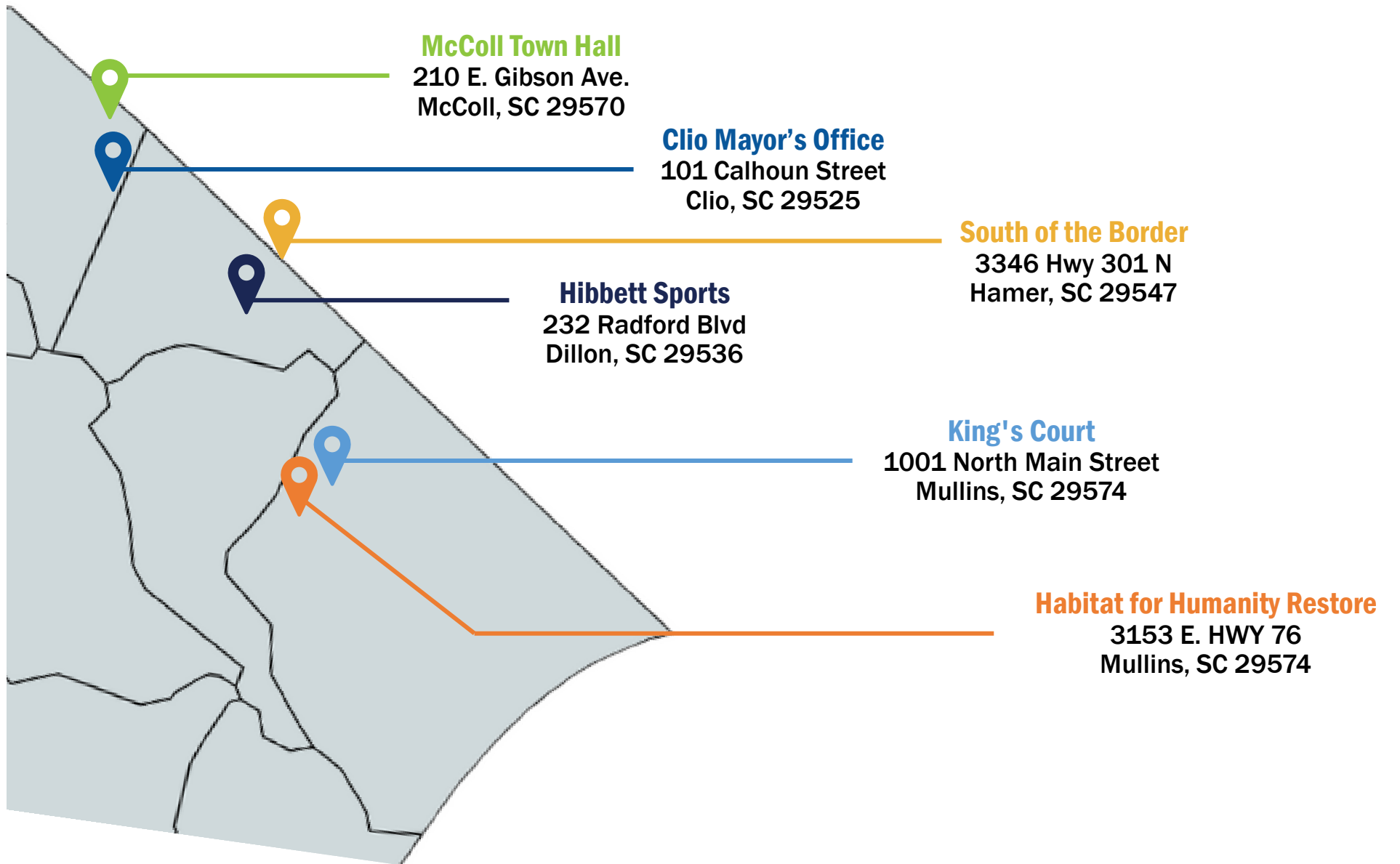
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ROAD TRIP

Overview



MAY LOCATIONS





Total Attendance

233 Job Seekers

40 Employers and Community Partners

Total Potential Hires

40

Total Follow Up Interviews

163

JULY

Tuesday, July 11th
Union

Wednesday, July 12th
Chester

Thursday, July 13th
Fairfield

