

Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office E50 Section 102

Fiscal Year 2015-16 Accountability Report

SUBMISSION FORM

AGENCY MISSION	To provide independent research, analysis, and resources to the executive and legislative branches of state government, local government officials, and the private sector to facilitate informed policy decisions and administration of services.
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AGENCY VISION	The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office will be a team of trained professionals committed to the delivery of innovative, effective, efficient customer services and information.
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Please state yes or no if the agency has any major or minor (internal or external) recommendations that would allow the agency to operate more effectively and efficiently.

RESTRUCTURING RECOMMENDATIONS:	The agency will have three requests for the 2017 legislative session. These requests include changes to address restructuring issues from 2014, a strategic plan for wireless E-911, and reform to the Data Oversight Council.
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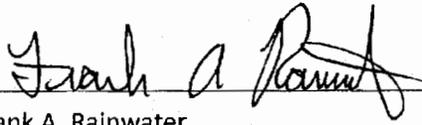
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I have reviewed and approved the enclosed FY 2015-16 Accountability Report, which is complete and accurate to the extent of my knowledge.

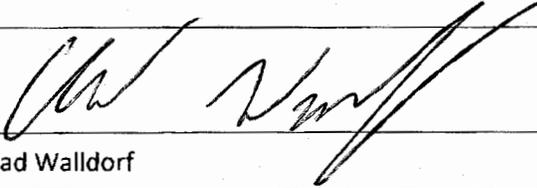
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AGENCY'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

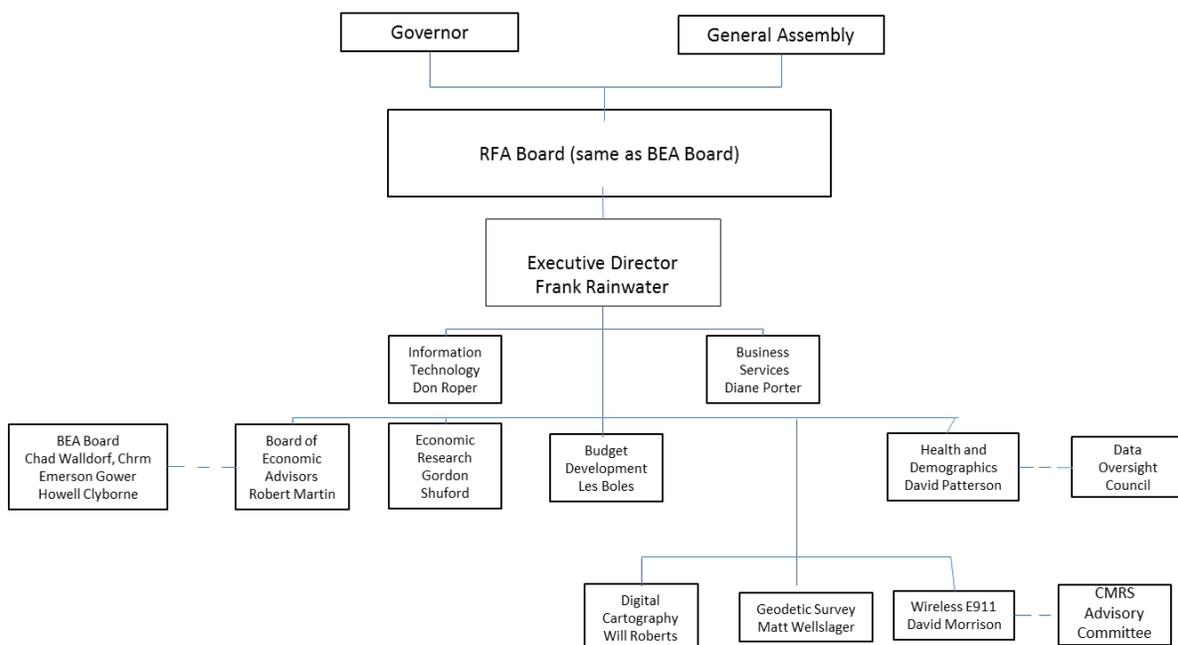
With Act 121 of 2014, the South Carolina Legislature established the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office (RFA), which is governed by the three appointed members of the Board of Economic Advisors. Three entities under the former South Carolina Budget and Control Board were combined under the 2014 Restructuring Act to form RFA: the Board of Economic Advisors (BEA), the Office of Research and Statistics (ORS), and the Office of State Budget (OSB).

Under S.C. Code of Laws §11-9-820, the BEA is comprised of one member appointed by the Governor to serve as chairman, one member appointed by the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, one member appointed by the chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and the Director of the Department of Revenue who serves ex officio with no voting rights. BEA members have a working knowledge and experience in economics, revenue forecasting, and the state budget process.

RFA currently consists of seven major divisions. Two divisions, Business Services and Information Technology Services, provide internal support and business and technology services for the office. The other five divisions operate RFA's major program services and functions. These divisions include: the BEA, Budget Development, Economic Research, Health and Demographics, and Mapping and Census. The Mapping and Census division includes several distinct subsections, including Geodetic Survey, Digital Cartography, Wireless E911, and Census Population and Estimates. RFA divisions are responsible for providing a diverse set of economic data and research and analysis reports for the Governor, General Assembly, state and local government entities, and the private sector.

The agency is primarily responsible for fiscal analysis and statistical services to its customers – other than ensuring information security standards. The agency is dependent upon many professional staff to respond to legislative or statutory mandates.

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I. Risk Assessment and Mitigation Strategies: Should the agency fail to accomplish its goals and objectives, data and analysis would not be provided to the General Assembly or local governments. This would have a detrimental impact on informed decision making at the legislative level and would affect reimbursements to municipalities and counties for E911 services. Provided that the General Assembly continues to provide the agency with necessary funding, guidance, and support, the occurrence of such an event is unlikely.

II. Restructuring Recommendations: The agency will have three requests for the 2017 legislative session.

1. *Address restructuring issues from 2014* – The agency plans to continue to implement the provisions of Senate Bill 22.
2. *Implementation of a strategic plan for wireless E911* – The agency hired a consultant to study the existing structure of the wireless E911 system. The consultant coordinated with the SC E911 Advisory Committee to present a framework for transitioning South Carolina to an NG9-1-1 environment. The details regarding the operating and fiscal model will be developed during FY 2016-17.
3. *Reform the Data Oversight Council*