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**REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO EMPLOY
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL**

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From (Agency): South Carolina Office of Resilience

Individual Requesting Authorization (include title): Eric Fosmire, Chief of Staff and General Counsel

Case or Matter Caption: SCOR CDBG-Mitigation Darlington County Buyout Program

Date: 9/14/23 County (in which case/matter occurs): Darlington

Name of requested law firm/attorney(s): Benson H. Driggers of Driggers Law Firm, LLC

Address of requested law firm/attorney(s): 323 W. Home Avenue, Hartsville, SC 29551

Brief description of legal services to be performed: Residential Real Estate Closings for CDBG-Mit Buyout Program

Reason private attorney is needed to perform services: Real estate closing attorney services are need to execute residential closings. SCOR has no more than 40 parcels that need closings.

Requested dates of service (maximum of one fiscal year): 10/01/2023 to 06/30/2024

REQUESTED HOURLY RATE OR OTHER COMPENSATION

<u>Attorney Name</u>	<u>Years of Experience (as of date of this Form 1) & Date of Bar Admission</u>	<u>Requested Rate</u>
<u>Benson H. Driggers</u>	<u>16 years experience 11/13/2006</u>	<u>\$720 flat rate per closing</u>
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(Use additional sheet if necessary)

Justification if hourly rate or other compensation exceeds standard rate range: \$720.00 flat rate is based on \$180 an hour for four hours work. Mr. Driggers has 16 years experience in this specialized area of real estate law and closing process.

Requested maximum fees: 40 parcels at \$720.00 per parcel total of \$28,800

TO BE COMPLETED BY ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

Approved by: Date: 10.6.2023

Attorney Approved: Benson H. Driggers Service Code: 17