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REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO EMPLOY ASSOCIATE COUNSEL

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From (Agency): South Carolina Office of Resilience (SCOR)

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

Case or Matter Caption: SCOR CDBG-Mitigation DarlingtonCounty Buyout Program

Date: 7/1/2024 County (in which case/matter occurs): Darlington

Name of requested law firm/attorney(s): Benson 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. SCOR has no more than 40 properties that will require closing services.

Reason private attorney is needed to perform services: Real estate closing attorney services are needed to execute residential closings.

Requested dates of service (maximum of one fiscal year): 7/1/2024 - 6/30/2025

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 Driggers</u>	<u>18 19 years experience 11/13/2005</u>	<u>\$720 flat rate</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 4 hours work. Mr. Driggers has 19 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: [Signature] Date: 8.12.2024

Attorney Approved: Benson Driggers Service Code: 17