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USC SALKEHATCHIE

I. Vision, Mission, and Goals

A. Executive Summary and Mission Statement

Despite the external challenges inherent to serving a disadvantaged region, USC Salkehatchie has continued to thrive, marking in 2006 a forty-year history of service to the citizens served. The institution has made significant strides in growth and program development. While diversity is the hallmark of any great university, common goals of academic excellence and effective community service transcend these differences and allow Salkehatchie to better achieve its mission. When the institution is successful in accomplishing its mission to its fullest capacity, the vision will be achieved.

i. Vision Statement

USC Salkehatchie will be recognized as a model rural “community university” that plays a major role in enriching the cultural, educational, and economic opportunities of the citizens served.

ii. Mission Statement

USC Salkehatchie provides access to educational excellence and resources characteristic of a comprehensive research university, for the purpose of enhancing the overall quality of life of its citizenry.

iii. Statement of the Unit’s Long-Term Goals

- Goal 1: Provide a core academic program which allows students to successfully progress to baccalaureate programs.
- Goal 2: Provide stable fiscal management of existing financial and human resources and secure external funds for program expansions.
- Goal 3: Increase student enrollment.
- Goal 4: Improve technology infrastructure and use of technology in academic programs.
- Goal 5: Continue cutting edge practices in the sustaining and development of community partnerships.
- Goal 6: Attract, increase, and retain a highly-qualified faculty.
- Goal 7: Meet local workforce needs through increased collaboration among the USC system campuses to expand academic programs (e.g., nursing program, education program, and Palmetto programs).