

# *South Carolina Department of Agriculture . . .*

**Hugh E. Weathers**  
**Commissioner of Agriculture**

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## **Pre-bid Conference held for State Farmers Market Site Preparation**

COLUMBIA, SC – Hugh Weathers, Commissioner of Agriculture, announced that the mandatory pre-bid conference for site grading of the new State Farmers Market at Columbia was held today in the Department of Agriculture’s headquarters at the Wade Hampton Building of the State Capitol Complex in Columbia.

“The contract will be awarded according to the State Procurement Code,” said Margaret Jordan, Project Manager in the Office of the State Engineer, who explained in detail the bidding process. Only those attending the pre-bid conference will be allowed to bid on the state project. A public bid opening will be held at the Wade Hampton Building at 2 p.m. on May 18, 2006.

David Brandes of Wilbur Smith Associates of Columbia provided an overview of the project. After the pre-bid conference, Brandes invited the participants to join him for a first-hand look at the project site.

For more information about the state bidding process, call Margaret Jordan, 803-737-0773. For more information about the State Farmers Market at Columbia project, call David Brandes, 803-758-4500.

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