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SCDCA Recognized for Consumer Publication

Columbia, SC... - The South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs (SCDCA) recently received a Notable State Document Award for its publication, *Consumer Alert*. The South Carolina State Library presented SCDCA and nine other winners with an award on March 16. The annual Notable State Document Awards recognize state governmental publications of outstanding merit and usefulness to South Carolinians.

SCDCA has been publishing the *Consumer Alert* for eleven years. The publication covers recent scams, product recalls and consumer rights and serves as an educational tool not only for consumers, but for businesses and governmental agencies as well. "Education is a key component of SCDCA's consumer protection mission. It's a great honor for the agency's efforts in this area to be recognized," said Carri Grube Lybarker, SCDCA Acting Administrator.

This award marks the second time SCDCA has been acknowledged for the *Consumer Alert*. In 2007, the National Association of Consumer Agency Administrators awarded SCDCA the Achievement in Consumer Education (ACE) Award for the publication. The most recent *Consumer Alert*, as well as past issues, can be accessed on SCDCA's website at

<u>www.scconsumer.gov/publications/consumer_alert/consumer_alert.htm.</u> Other SCDCA publications can be accessed at www.scconsumer.gov/publications.htm.

SCDCA aims to protect consumers from inequities in the marketplace through advocacy, complaint mediation, enforcement and education. To file a complaint or get information on consumer issues, visit www.scconsumer.gov or call toll-free, 1.800.922.1594.

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