

**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA**  
**GOVERNOR'S OFFICE**  
**EXECUTIVE ORDER**

Subject:		Number:
Economic Development Committee of the Cabinet		2004-9
Date:	By Direction of:	
June 15, 2004	 Edward G. Rendell, Governor	

- WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has lagged behind the nation in job creation and population growth and ranks at or near the bottom nationally in terms of average educational attainment of our workforce; and
- WHEREAS, Pennsylvania continues to experience a net outward migration of young, educated workers, and Pennsylvania has not been successful in attracting sufficient investment in emerging businesses and industries; and
- WHEREAS, the manufacturing and agriculture sectors of the state's economy, historically the cornerstones of the state's economy, continue to erode gradually; and
- WHEREAS, successful economic development must be sustainable, contributing lasting economic benefits, increased social well-being, a healthy environment, and an improved quality of life for Pennsylvania's people and communities; and
- WHEREAS, the Commonwealth's economic development goals include attracting and retaining a young, diverse, well-educated workforce and improving the quality of life offered in Pennsylvania's varied communities; reusing previously developed sites and developing new sites in order to create jobs; and implementing a preference for development that uses and improves existing infrastructure over development in undeveloped agricultural, forested, or watershed lands; and
- WHEREAS, recent changes in state policy and improvements in economic development assistance programs require interagency cooperation in order to create a comprehensive economic development strategy; and
- WHEREAS, a coordinated policy development and planning effort will result in improved management and productivity of state government economic development programs, more efficient use of scarce resources, and greater evaluation of program performance; and
- WHEREAS, a successful economic development strategy will result in stronger economic growth, revitalization of neighborhoods and communities, and an improved quality of life for all Pennsylvanians.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward G. Rendell, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and other laws, do formally establish the **Economic Development Committee of the Cabinet** (hereinafter referred to as the "Committee"), and do order and direct as follows:

**1. Mission.** The mission of the Committee is to:

- a.** Coordinate programs and policies affecting economic growth, job creation and retention, and workforce development across state agencies.
- b.** Develop policies and programs to foster business development and job creation.
- c.** Evaluate and redirect, as necessary, the objectives of state economic development and tax policy.
- d.** Establish the criteria for measuring the effectiveness of state policies and programs related to economic development, job creation, and community revitalization.
- e.** Monitor market conditions that could affect economic development in the Commonwealth.
- f.** Promote policies that encourage the wise stewardship and conservation of the natural resources of the Commonwealth.

**2. Composition.** The Committee will consist of the following members, each of whom will be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor:

- a.** The Secretary of Community and Economic Development, who will chair the Committee.
- b.** Secretary of Agriculture.
- c.** Secretary of Banking.
- d.** Secretary of the Budget.
- e.** Secretary of Conservation and Natural Resources.
- f.** Secretary of Education.
- g.** Secretary of Environmental Protection.
- h.** Secretary of Health.
- i.** Secretary of Labor and Industry.
- j.** Secretary of Revenue.
- k.** Secretary of Transportation.

- l.** Director of the Governor's Policy Office or designee.
- m.** Governor's Chief of Staff or designee.
- n.** *Ex officio* members as appointed by the Governor.

**3. Powers and Duties.** The Committee will have the power and duty to:

- a.** Review and coordinate all economic development and community revitalization programs managed by state agencies.
- b.** Coordinate the review of economic development projects and investments to ensure that they are supported by the programs, actions, and decisions of other agencies.
- c.** Make recommendations on policies and programs that will more effectively and efficiently foster economic growth and community renewal.
- d.** Make recommendations on strategies and policies fostering development that conserves land and open space and attracts businesses near existing housing, social services, and public infrastructure; rehabilitates infrastructure and previously developed land; encourages transportation options; and promotes strategic investment in transportation that encourages the revitalization of older communities.
- e.** Monitor energy markets and public infrastructure that have the potential to affect economic development and make recommendations on strategies to promote diversification of energy resources and increasing the reliability of energy supplies.
- f.** Evaluate and make recommendations for the coordination of workforce development programs managed by state agencies, including adult education, job training, job retraining, job search, and employer-operated training programs.
- g.** Recommend policies and program enhancements that encourage the conservation and wise stewardship of natural resources and encourage community preservation and revitalization.
- h.** Evaluate the public policy objectives underlying state business tax policy and make recommendations to the Governor for appropriate changes.
- i.** Develop performance measures for economic development and community revitalization programs managed by state agencies.
- j.** Identify economic, environmental, and social trends of concern that require coordinated responses from Committee members.
- k.** Exercise all other powers and duties that the Governor may delegate to the Committee.

#### **4. Working Groups.**

**a.** The Committee will establish the following working groups to assist in its efforts:

- (1)** Workforce Development.
- (2)** Infrastructure, Energy, and Technology.
- (3)** Tourism and Recreation.
- (4)** Manufacturing.
- (5)** Small Business.
- (6)** Health Care and Life Sciences.
- (7)** Agricultural and Agribusiness.

**b.** The Governor will establish such other working groups as he deems necessary.

**c. Interagency Land Use Team.** The existing Interagency Land Use Team will serve as a working group to assist the Committee by identifying:

**(1)** agency programs and policies that impede sound land use management, conservation of natural resources, responsible development, and economic growth.

**(2)** the causes of negative environmental, economic, and social trends caused by existing land use practices that require coordinated responses of Cabinet members.

**(3)** policies and strategies for conserving land and open space, reusing previously developed sites, and rehabilitating existing infrastructure.

**5. Staff.** Members of the Committee will assign such staff from their agencies, as necessary, to assist the Committee and its working groups to carry out their responsibilities.

**6. Advisory Groups.** The Governor will appoint such Advisory Groups, as he deems necessary, to assist the Committee or its working groups.

**7. Compensation.** Members of the Committee will serve without compensation for their services except that such members may be reimbursed the necessary and actual expenses incurred in attending meetings for actual travel and related expenses in accordance with Commonwealth policy.

**8. Responsibilities of Commonwealth Agencies.** Commonwealth agencies, under the jurisdiction of the Governor, shall cooperate with the Committee and shall, at a minimum:

**a.** Provide such information, assistance, data, records and materials, as necessary, for the Committee and its working groups to properly carry out their responsibilities.

**b.** Provide such resources, including staff, equipment, and supplies, as necessary, for the Committee and its working groups to properly carry out their responsibilities.

**c.** Recommend to the Committee and its working groups areas of investigation that might result in improvements to state government operations, promote more efficient use of scarce resources, and improve the general business climate.

**9. Effective Date.** This *Executive Order* will take effect immediately.