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STATE OF OHIO

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Establishing the Ohio Economic Growth Cabinet

- 1. In an Effort to Ensure the Vitality of Ohio's Economy, the State Has Developed a Strategic Plan that Promotes Economic Development and Growth.** *Ohio, Home of Innovation and Opportunity*, is the strategic plan of the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD). The plan is designed to facilitate the State's work to change the course of Ohio's economic future by growing the income of Ohioans, creating and retaining jobs for Ohioans, and expanding productivity through innovation. While the ODOD leads the effort to ensure the effective implementation of this strategic plan, each state agency, board and commission (collectively, "State Agencies") plays a vital role in helping the State realize its economic potential.
- 2. State Government Must Be Customer-Focused and Operate at the Speed of Business.** In order to compete effectively for new business investment in today's highly competitive economic development market, Ohio must be able to respond rapidly to the needs of its customers. State Agencies are committed to building a more customer-responsive organization to implement Ohio's economic development strategic plan and to ensuring that responsiveness, agility, transparency, collaboration, and accountability are ingrained in their culture and operations.
- 3. Collaboration among State Agencies Will Create Operational Efficiency that Will Allow Ohio to Better Focus on the Needs of Its Customers.** Increased collaboration among State Agencies, and with local partners, will help the ODOD achieve the goals and strategies outlined in Ohio's economic development strategic plan. As such, State Agencies are committed to working collaboratively in order to support decision-making, improve efficiencies, decrease redundancies or impediments, and increase accountability at all levels of State government.

4. **Establishment of the Ohio Economic Growth Cabinet.** In order to provide a forum for active and on-going collaboration between State Agencies and to facilitate the economic prosperity of Ohio and its citizens, I hereby order the establishment of the Ohio Economic Growth Cabinet (the "EGC").

5. **Role of the Economic Growth Cabinet.** The EGC will serve as a means for State Agencies to define and frame challenges relating to economic growth and opportunities in the State and to implement solutions that respond rapidly to meet the needs of Ohio's businesses and workforce. It will also help to ensure that all State government partners work together to advance and promote Ohio's economic growth. Without limiting the scope of its work, the EGC will implement the following initiatives, along with any others consistent with its mission:
 - a. **Promoting a Comprehensive Approach to Business Needs.** Interagency Work Teams were created at the start of this Administration to respond rapidly to time-sensitive economic development opportunities and to provide comprehensive solutions for projects with complex needs and concerns. The EGC will assure that Interagency Work Teams remain a key tactic for addressing the needs of Ohio's business customers and developing ways to collaborate effectively on issues of significance to Ohio's business community, modifying their composition and responsibilities when necessary to maximize their effectiveness.

 - b. **Developing a Unified Economic Development Budget.** The EGC will assist the ODOD with compiling a unified statement of the State's economic development expenditures to be known as the Unified Economic Development Budget for Ohio (the "UEDB"). The UEDB will identify investments made throughout the State government to support economic development initiatives. Its preparation and availability will increase transparency for Ohioans about the State's economic development. It will also provide the State an important tool for evaluating how well State investments are coordinated and to build on other investments when doing so will help achieve the most significant economic impact.

 - c. **Monitoring the Progress of Economic Development in Ohio.** The EGC will assist the ODOD with achieving the measures and performance targets of an economic development scorecard which will provide an assessment of the State's ongoing progress toward the strategic goals set in the ODOD strategic plan. The EGC will engage its resources and local partners in each region of the State to develop and add to the economic development scorecard regional measures of accountability reflecting regional specializations and aspirations.

6. **Economic Growth Cabinet Composition.** The Lieutenant Governor, who also serves as Director of the ODOD, will serve as Chair of the EGC. The other members of the EGC will be:
- a. the Directors of the Departments of Administrative Services, Aging, Agriculture, Commerce, Education, Environmental Protection, Health, Insurance, Job and Family Services, Natural Resources, Office of Budget and Management, Taxation, and Transportation;
 - b. the Executive Director of the Air Quality Development Authority;
 - c. the Chairman of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio;
 - d. the Director of the Ohio Public Works Commission;
 - e. the Chancellor of the University System of Ohio;
 - f. the Executive Director of the Ohio Water Development Authority;
 - g. the Administrator of the Bureau of Workers' Compensation;
 - h. the Governor's Executive Assistant for Economic Development; and
 - i. other Cabinet or agency members as determined by the Lieutenant Governor, in consultation with the Governor.
7. **Governance, Support Staff, and Meetings.** The Economic Growth Cabinet may adopt procedures for its governance and the conduct of its meetings. The ODOD will provide support staff for the EGC, and the Chair will call meetings as needed.
8. I signed this Executive Order on September 29, 2008 in Columbus, Ohio, and it will expire on my last day as Governor unless rescinded before then.



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Ted Strickland, Governor

ATTEST:

Jennifer Bruner, Secretary of State