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STATE OF COLORADO

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS



Richard D. Lamm,
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER

AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF CONFLICT COUNSEL IN LITIGATION INVOLVING THE OFFICE OF RURAL JOB TRAINING

WHEREAS, the Office of Rural Job Training (ORJT) is involved in a dispute with the United Food & Commercial Workers Local 7 over the decision by the Rural Colorado Private Industry Council to provide certain federal funds to the Platte Valley Residential Center and Criminal Justice Alternatives; and

WHEREAS, the Attorney General of Colorado is charged with the legal representation of the ORJT, but has made certain public statements about this matter and related projects; and

WHEREAS, the Attorney General has informed the Governor that, given these public statements, there may be an appearance of impropriety, should the Attorney General or any member of his staff appear on behalf of ORJT; and

WHEREAS, the Governor is authorized, pursuant to C.R.S. 24-31-101(e), to permit an agency of the executive branch of state government to employ legal counsel in the event that the Governor finds that "the attorney general is unable or has failed or refused to provide legal services to an agency of state government;"

NOW, THEREFORE, under and pursuant to the authority vested in me by C.R.S. 24-31-101, I, Richard D. Lamm, Governor of the State of Colorado, DO HEREBY FIND AND ORDER, that:

1. The Attorney General is unable to provide legal services to the Office of Rural Job Training in the matter described above, and therefore the Office of Rural Job Training may employ counsel of its own choosing to provide legal services in connection with said litigation.

2. Expenses incurred because of the employment of counsel by the Office of Rural Job Training in this matter represent a lawful charge against the appropriations made by the General Assembly to the Department of Law.

Given under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado, this seventh day of
November, A.D. 1986.

Richard D. Lamm
Governor

