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EXECUTIVE ORDER HOMELAND SECURITY AND ALL-HAZARD SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Office of the Governor of the State of Colorado, I, Bill Owens, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order establishing the Homeland Security and All-Hazard Senior Advisory Committee.

1. Background and Need

On October 18, 2004, the President of the United States signed the Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") Appropriations Act of 2005, providing vital funding needed to ensure the safety and security of our homeland. The federal government distributes the funds for emergency prevention, preparedness, and response personnel as grants to state and local entities through the DHS Office of State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness, Office for Domestic Preparedness (ODP).

ODP issued the Fiscal Year 2005 Homeland Security Grant Program Guidelines regarding use and oversight of the grant funds. The ODP Guidelines require states to establish a senior advisory committee for the oversight and coordination of homeland security assistance programs.

The Colorado Homeland Security and All-Hazard Senior Advisory Committee (the "Committee") will fulfill the ODP Guideline requirements, and will have the purpose of enhancing the integration of disciplines involved in homeland security, including public health, medical initiatives, cyber security, and agriculture. The Committee will advise the Governor on an ongoing basis regarding issues related to homeland security, specifically to include the State of Colorado Homeland Security Strategy and prioritization of its goals. The Committee will also make recommendations regarding homeland security grant allocation within Colorado state government.

2. Mission and Scope

The mission of the committee is to protect and improve the health and safety of the citizens of the State of Colorado and to review and make recommendations to the Governor concerning any state policy or practice which might improve such health and safety.

- a. The Committee shall meet at least quarterly at the call of the Chair.
- b. The Committee will oversee assistance programs from the ODP, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC"), the Health

Resources and Services Administration (“HRSA”), and other federal agencies providing homeland security assistance.

- c. The Committee shall review annually the State of Colorado Homeland Security Strategy and make recommendations on the goals, objectives, and priorities.
- d. The Committee shall advise the Governor, through quarterly written recommendations and status reports, regarding the planning and implementation of tasks and objectives working to achieve goals outlined in the State of Colorado Homeland Security Strategy.
- e. The Committee shall review state department homeland security grant applications and recommend grant distributions.
- f. The Committee shall establish and appoint members to a Subject Matter Expert Group (SME Group). The SME Group will advise the Committee on issues related to its mission, and will be guided by the State of Colorado Homeland Security Strategy. The SME Group is encouraged to develop subcommittees of stakeholders, based on the strategic plan, whose chairs must be a SME appointed member.

3. Membership

- a. The Committee shall be composed of up to seventeen (17) members, as follows:
 - (i) The Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Local Affairs, as the Colorado State Administrative Agency for Homeland Security;
 - (ii) The Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, as the state Public Health Officer;
 - (iii) The Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Public Safety, as the State Homeland Security Advisor;
 - (iv) The Lieutenant Governor, as the State Citizen Corps Point of Contact;
 - (v) The State Emergency Management Director;
 - (vi) The Director of Hospital Preparedness, as the HRSA Program Director and the HRSA Bioterrorism Hospital Coordinator;
 - (vii) The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Section Chief for Emergency Preparedness and Response, as the CDC Program Director;
 - (viii) The Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Agriculture;
 - (ix) The Colorado Attorney General;
 - (x) The Colorado Adjutant General;
 - (xi) The Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Personnel and Administration;
 - (xii) The Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Transportation;

- (xiii) The Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Natural Resources;
- (xiv) The Director of the Office of Preparedness, Security, and Fire Safety;
- (xv) The Governor's Office Homeland Security and All Hazards Coordinator shall serve as a non-voting member; and
- (xvi) The Governor may appoint up to two additional voting members at his discretion.

b. The State Homeland Security Advisor shall serve as the Committee Chair.

c. Members may meet and vote via teleconference, except when the meeting involves grant review or grant recommendations. Final recommendations shall only be adopted upon a majority vote of the Committee members voting at a meeting at which a quorum is present. At least nine (9) members are required for a quorum.

4. Directive

The Homeland Security and All-Hazards Senior Advisory Committee is hereby established.

5. Duration

This Executive Order shall remain in force until further modification or rescission by the Governor.

GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State
of Colorado, this 31st
day of January, 2005.

Bill Owens
Governor