

# **B 012 99**

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER**

### **SMALL BUSINESS COUNCIL**

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 reconstituting the Small Business Council within the Governor's Office of Economic Development.

#### 1. Background & Need

Small businesses representing a diverse cross-section of the State's economy, population and geography in the areas of manufacturing, tourism, agriculture, technology, construction, finance, transportation, insurance, real estate, retail, services and others have played a vital role in the continuing development of a stable and diverse Colorado economy. The leadership of the small business community should be utilized to improve state government's relationship with small businesses.

To meet this objective, I hereby issue this Order reconstituting the Small Business Council (the "Council") within the Governor's Office of Economic Development.

#### 2. Membership

- A. The Council shall include no more than 45 members of the small business community. The members shall include nine (9) residents of the Metro Denver Area and nine (9) residents of each of the four regions of the State: Northeast, Southeast, Northwest and Southwest.
- B. Members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor with no member serving more than four consecutive years.
- C. The members shall elect a chairperson from among the members to serve a term of two years.

#### 3. Duties

- A. The Council shall:
  - (i) provide a public forum at which the perspective of small business can be brought to the attention of the State;

- (ii) serve as a resource to the Office of Economic Development, the General Assembly and the Governor on statewide small business issues;
- (iii) identify any unique problems confronting small businesses in Colorado that can be remedied by executive agencies;
- (iv) make recommendations for regulatory changes needed at all levels of government to encourage the initiation, stability and growth of small business in Colorado; and
- (v) serve as a contact for, and coordinate with, the State Small Business Development Center Advisory Board which advises the Small Business Development Centers throughout the State on their policies and operations.

B. The Council shall meet as needed to pursue its work and submit findings and recommendations to the Office of Economic Development. Council members shall not receive compensation for their activities.

3. Past Executive Orders Superseded and Replaced

Executive Order B 006 96, dated July 9, 1996, concerning the Council, as well as all other Executive Orders concerning the Council, are hereby superseded and replaced by this Executive Order. The Council and this Executive Order shall be reviewed no later than December 31, 2002.

GIVEN under my hand and the  
Executive Seal of the State  
of Colorado, this \_\_\_\_\_  
day of October, 1999.

Bill Owens  
Governor