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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Continuing the Small Business Council

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Office of the Governor of the State of Colorado, I, Bill Ritter, Jr., Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order continuing the Small Business Council within the Governor's Office of Economic Development and International Trade.

I. Background and Need

Small businesses throughout the State and across business sectors play a vital role in the development and continuation 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 issue this order continuing the Small Business Council (the "Council") within the Governor's Office of Economic Development and International Trade.

II. Membership

- A. The Council shall include no more than forty-five members of the small business community, and at least half of the Council shall be small business owners. The members shall include nine residents of the Metro Denver Area and nine residents from each of the following four regions of the State: Northeast, Southeast, Northwest, and Southwest.
- B. Members of the Council shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor.
- C. The members shall elect a chairperson from among its members to serve a term of two years.

III. Duties

- A. The Council shall:
 - 1. Provide a public forum through which the perspective of small business can be brought to the attention of the State;

2. Serve as a resource to the Office of Economic Development and International Trade, the General Assembly, and the Governor on statewide small business issues;
3. Identify any unique problems confronting small businesses in Colorado that can be remedied by executive agencies;
4. Make recommendations for regulatory changes that would serve to encourage the initiation, stability, and growth of small businesses in Colorado; and
5. Serve as the State Small Business Center Advisory Board, which will advise 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 and International Trade. Council members shall not receive compensation for their service.

IV. Directive

The Small Business Council is hereby continued, without interruption. All other Executive Orders concerning the Council, specifically B 006 03, are hereby superceded and replaced by this Executive Order.

V. Duration

This Executive Order shall continue in effect until December 31, 2012, unless it is either terminated earlier or extended beyond that date by further Executive Order of the Governor.

GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado this 13th day of
November, 2008.

Bill Ritter, Jr.
Governor