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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Rescinding Executive Order B 2014 001 Concerning the Small Business Council

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor of the State of Colorado and, in particular, pursuant to Article IV, Section 2 of the Colorado Constitution, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order rescinding Executive Order B 2014 001 concerning the Small Business Council.

I. Background and Purpose

Governor Hickenlooper signed into law Executive Order B 2014 001 on January 10, 2014, to continue the Small Business Council (Council) within the Governor's Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT). In EO B 2014 001, Governor Hickenlooper acknowledged that small businesses play a vital role in the development and continuation of a stable and diverse Colorado economy and called on the Council to help improve the State government's relationship with small businesses.

The Executive Order included specific duties of the Council to accomplish this goal, including serving as a resource to the State on statewide small business issues, problems, and needed regulatory reforms. The Executive Order required that the Council's understanding of the small business perspective be informed through regular engagement, meetings, and forums with small businesses and local communities. Since its inception, the Council has traveled the state, listening to small business owners explain their barriers to entry and reasons for success, as well as communities' ongoing business needs and desires. Based on these findings, the Council made recommendations to the Governor, OEDIT, and the Small Business Development Center Network (Network), which operates out of OEDIT and consists of 15 full-time staffed centers across the State.

The Network is dedicated to helping existing and new businesses grow and prosper in Colorado by providing free and confidential consulting and no- or low-cost training programs. The Network uses information and resources from federal, state, and local governments, as well as the private sector, to meet the complex needs of the small business community. Consulting



experts with the Network work in partnership with small businesses to provide entrepreneurs with crucial information that can help them succeed.

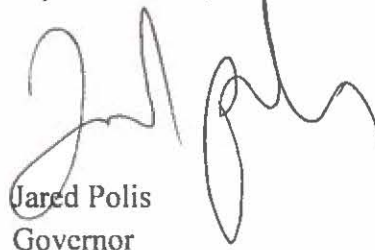
To continue the valuable information-gathering function provided by the Council, and in light of the expansive reach of the existing Network, Colorado's 15 centers will now conduct regular meetings and forums with small businesses and communities directly -- engagement that is consistent with the current mission and activities of the Network. Because the Network operates out of OEDIT, OEDIT will continue to have direct access to small business owners and serve as a resource to the Governor and the General Assembly on statewide small business issues.

II. Directive

I hereby rescind EO B 2014 001. The Small Business Development Center Network has the capacity to take on the work performed by the Small Business Council. The Network has significant statewide reach, regularly engages with small businesses and local communities, and can serve as a direct resource on small business issues to OEDIT, the Governor, and the General Assembly.



GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado, this third
day of October, 2019.


Jared Polis
Governor