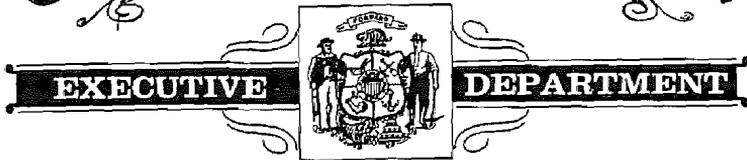


The State of Wisconsin



EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 39

Relating to the Creation of the Governor's Task Force on Small Business Regulatory Reform

WHEREAS, small business is Wisconsin's largest employer and greatest generator of jobs; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's 100,000 small businesses are a key sector of Wisconsin's economy, providing more than 1.2 million jobs and \$21 billion in payroll income; and

WHEREAS, 96 percent of Wisconsin businesses employ fewer than 100 employees; and

WHEREAS, regulations can be disproportionately burdensome to small businesses which have limited resources to meet the high costs of compliance in comparison to larger businesses;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott McCallum, Governor of the State of Wisconsin by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of this State, and specifically by Section 14.019 of the Wisconsin Statutes, do hereby:

1. Create the Governor's Task Force on Small Business Regulatory Reform (hereinafter "Task Force") consisting of twelve (12) members appointed by the Governor to serve at the pleasure of the Governor; and
2. Provide that the Governor shall designate two (2) members of the Task Force as Co-chairs to serve at the pleasure of the Governor; and
3. Provide that the Task Force shall have the following mission:
 - a. Examine the existing statutory provisions, administrative rules and other state policies related to the regulatory process and recommend actions or legislative changes needed to ensure efficient and cost effective regulations; and
 - b. Assure smaller businesses achieve regulatory compliance without unnecessary expense or inconvenience; and
 - c. Review ways to reduce the negative impact of state rules and regulations on small businesses; and
4. Require state agencies to analyze the impact of their regulatory actions on small entities and determine if a rule will have a significant economic impact on a substantial level of small businesses; and
5. Direct the Department of Commerce to provide staff support to the Task Force; and
6. Direct the Department of Administration to provide the Task Force with such sums of money as are necessary for travel and operating expenses in accordance with Section 20.505(3)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes; and
7. Provide that the Task Force issue a report to the Governor within one year of the first meeting date; and
8. Provide that the Task Force shall dissolve when its final report is accepted by the Governor.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this twenty-second day of January in the year two thousand two.

Scott McCallum
Governor



The Governor:

Douglas La Follette
Secretary of State