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The State of Wisconsin



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EXECUTIVE ORDER #139

Relating to creating the Governor's
Science and Technology Council

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WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin is committed to maintaining and enhancing economic opportunities for its citizens, businesses and industries; and

WHEREAS, the state's economy is increasingly competing within a rapidly evolving international marketplace characterized by accelerating technological change and market-driven innovation; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin has a critical interest in obtaining its share of high value-added technology intensive enterprises in order to assure a diversified economy, an energetic entrepreneurial climate, quality high-wage jobs, and sufficient fiscal resources to protect Wisconsin's quality of life; and

WHEREAS, opportunities exist for Wisconsin's public and private organizations to cooperate and assist in state technology-based economic development through:

1. Public-private collaboration in technology networking, opportunity partnering, policy development, business financing, and research;
2. Translation of new scientific discoveries and engineering applications into innovative and cost-effective commercial products, processes and services;
3. Accelerated diffusion and deployment of existing standardized technologies for applications such as manufacturing modernization and rapid product development;
4. Upgrading of education and training programs to meet the needs of Wisconsin's employers for a technically skilled workforce; and

WHEREAS, existing informal coordinating arrangements to address the above challenges would be significantly augmented by the presence of a high-level science and technology advisory and coordinating body reporting directly to the Governor, assuring the benefits of broad perspective and broad support;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TOMMY G. THOMPSON, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of this State, and specifically by Wisconsin Statute section 14.019, abolish the Governor's Science and Technology Council as created in Executive Order #82 (dated January 24, 1990) and recreated in Executive Order #109 (dated January 25, 1991) and do hereby:

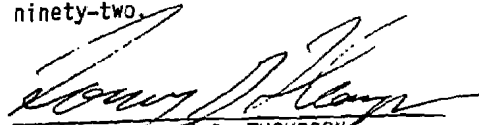
1. Recreate the Governor's Science and Technology Council to advise on policy development, priority setting, and strategic plan writing in science and technology based economic development matters.

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2. Provide that the Council shall consist of not more than 24 members appointed by the Governor to serve at his pleasure. A Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson shall be appointed by the Governor from among the membership. At least one-half of the Council's membership shall consist of private sector representatives of business and industry. The balance of the Council shall consist of public sector members from Wisconsin's legislature, academic institutions, and state departments and agencies having economic development missions.
3. Direct the Council to study and recommend ways to:
 - a) Create an economic climate in Wisconsin more conducive to manufacturing modernization, applied research, market innovation and investment in technology;
 - b) Facilitate the development of the state's science and technology assets, resources and programs in a way which maximizes its competitive position in generic and applied research as well as for in-state commercialization of new discoveries.
 - c) Communicate the priority of technology development, deployment, and competitiveness to Wisconsin's citizens, business enterprises, and government agencies;
 - d) Facilitate business to business and university to industry technology transfer through effective industry group networks, university-industry consortia, industrial extension services, technology business financing, cooperative education opportunities, conferences, applied technology demonstrations and other mechanisms;
 - e) Identify opportunities for selective state participation in federal programs and private sector initiatives likely to significantly enhance technology development, transfer, and commercialization in Wisconsin; and
 - f) Review and comment on major proposed federal and state legislation affecting policy areas falling within the Council's mission.
4. Direct the Council to submit to the Governor a report of its activities and accomplishments, including advisory recommendations, by January 15, 1993 and annually thereafter.
5. Direct the Council to coordinate its activities with other state councils, agencies, departments and committees which have economic development missions and responsibilities. These cooperating organizations are further directed to assist the Council in carrying out its duties.
6. Direct the Secretary of the Department of Development to provide staff support and funding for the ongoing functioning of the Council.



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 tenth day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety-two.


 TOMMY G. THOMPSON
 Governor

By the Governor:


 DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
 Secretary of State