



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER # 193

Relating to the Creation of the Governor's Business Council

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin economy has created nearly 100,000 new jobs in the past four years; and

WHEREAS, continued strong economic growth and job creation remains a top priority; and

WHEREAS, continuing to implement the *Grow Wisconsin* agenda is vital to the economic and social well-being of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, implementing strategies is one of eight strategic planks in the *Grow Wisconsin* plan; and

WHEREAS, businesses, labor organizations, educational institutions, nonprofits, and government have organized regional economic development entities in several areas of Wisconsin;

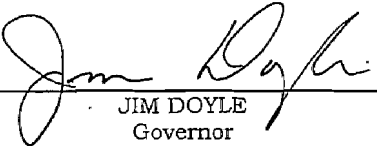
NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIM DOYLE, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of this State, and specifically by Wis. Stat. § 14.019, do hereby:

1. . . Create the Governor's Business Council (the "Council");
2. Direct that the Council's mission shall be to collaborate on regional and statewide development priorities, to share best practices, and to identify concrete ways that the State can support regional and statewide economic development, including:
 - a. Building workforce skills;
 - b. Increasing workforce availability;
 - c. Decreasing healthcare costs;
 - d. Promoting innovative business practices;
 - e. Streamlining regulation;
 - f. Increasing new business creation;
 - g. Growing export opportunities; and
 - h. Attracting more new businesses to Wisconsin;
3. Provide that the Council shall include the Secretary of the Department of Commerce, the Secretary of the Department of Administration, and the Secretary of the Department of Workforce Development;
4. Provide that the Council shall also consist of at least 5 members from Qualified Regional Economic Development Associations including at least two association staff members and at least three senior executives from the business community;
5. Provide that a "Qualified Regional Economic Development Association" shall (i) represent at least five (5) adjacent counties; (ii) have a board comprised of 50% or greater private business/industry representatives; and (iii) operate under a budget comprised of at least 65% private funding;

6. Provide that members of the Council shall be appointed by the Governor to serve at the pleasure of the Governor;
7. Provide that the Governor shall serve as the Chair of the Council; and
8. Direct that the Department of Commerce shall provide administrative support to 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 seventeenth day of April in the year two thousand seven.


JIM DOYLE
Governor

By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State