

STATE OF INDIANA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
INDIANAPOLIS

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EXECUTIVE ORDER _____

FOR: CREATION OF THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF COMMERCE AND COORDINATION OF THE STATE'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND JOB TRAINING EFFORTS

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS.

WHEREAS, in recent years, Indiana has experienced significant job losses, resulting in diminished hope and opportunity for Hoosiers and a decline in revenues available to address the problems faced by our State;

WHEREAS, fostering opportunities for business growth and job creation is vital to restoring Indiana's economic health and helping Indiana realize its true potential;

WHEREAS, business growth and job creation depend upon the availability of a skilled workforce, resulting in the need for coordination between our State's economic development efforts and its job training and labor programs;

WHEREAS, consistent with the foregoing identification of need, the General Government Subcommittee of the Government Efficiency Commission has recommended the establishment of an office of economic development, headed by a chief economic development officer reporting directly to the Governor with complete responsibility, accountability, and authority for all functions related to economic development and job creation and retention within the State;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of Indiana to establish the position of Secretary of Commerce to lead Indiana's economic development efforts and to coordinate those efforts with its job training and labor programs;

WHEREAS, the Governor has proposed legislation to the General Assembly that would abolish the Department of Commerce and expedite the transfer of its business development powers and duties to the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC); and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and necessary to give immediate effect to actions designed to address the needs and implement the reforms described in this Executive Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby order that:

1. The position of Secretary of Commerce is hereby created.
2. The Secretary of Commerce shall be appointed by, report directly to, and serve at the pleasure of the Governor.
3. The Secretary of Commerce, shall, among other things, oversee and coordinate the State's efforts to foster business growth, industry modernization, economic diversification, and job creation and retention.
4. The Secretary of Commerce shall be the chief executive officer of the Department of Commerce and, upon the elimination of such department, of the IEDC, and shall have such powers, duties and responsibilities in such capacity as may be set forth by statute upon enactment of legislation or as may be designated by the Governor from time to time consistent with the exercise of executive authority under the Constitution and laws of the State.
5. In furtherance of the goal of coordinating the State's economic development efforts with its job training and labor programs, the Commissioner of the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) and the Commissioner of the Department of Labor, each of whom is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the Governor, shall report to the Secretary of Commerce.
6. Consistent with the foregoing, and as a means of providing for the consolidation of all job training programs under the Secretary of Commerce, the Commissioner of the DWD and the Secretary of the Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) are hereby authorized and directed to enter into such inter-agency agreements or memoranda of understanding and to take such other actions as may be necessary in order to provide for DWD's administration, to the fullest extent permitted by law, of the Indiana Manpower and Comprehensive Training (IMPACT) job training programs currently administered by the FSSA's Division of Family and Children.

7. Upon the enactment of the legislation by the General Assembly to codify the measures described in paragraphs 1 through 5 of this Executive Order, this Executive Order shall expire as to those measures; provided, however, that this Executive Order shall continue in effect as to the measures described in paragraph 6 hereof.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Indiana on this 10th day of January, 2005.

M. E. Daniels, Jr.

Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.
Governor of Indiana

Todd Rokita

ATTEST: Todd Rokita
Secretary of State