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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Creating the Governor's Jobs Cabinet

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Office of the Governor of the State of Colorado, I, Bill Ritter, Jr., Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order creating the Governor's Jobs Cabinet.

I. Background and Purpose

Building and maintaining a vibrant economy in Colorado is dependant upon educating and training a modern workforce that has the ability to compete in a global economy. Developing this 21st century workforce is most effectively accomplished by aligning the current and future needs of industry with education and training programs.

The Jobs Cabinet is created to address this issue – aligning the State's economic development, workforce development, and education programs to develop a 21st century workforce that meets the evolving needs of business and industry in a competitive global economy. Special emphasis will be placed on key economic sectors that are projected to experience significant growth in the next decade, including bioscience, energy, tourism, aerospace, and other technology and knowledge-based industries. Notwithstanding this emphasis, the Jobs Cabinet will consider the full range of training needs from jobs requiring little technical expertise to jobs requiring advanced degrees or highly specialized skills.

II. Directive, Mission, and Scope

The Governor's Jobs Cabinet (the "Jobs Cabinet") is hereby created. The Jobs Cabinet shall:

- A. Identify opportunities to more effectively align current programs in education, workforce training, and economic development in order to ensure a well-educated and well-trained workforce is available and

prepared to meet the needs of a growing and changing economy during the next ten years.

- B. Examine existing economic and workforce development programs and recommend priorities and improvements to ensure that we are utilizing existing and available resources dedicated to these programs efficiently and effectively.
- C. Recommend new programs to identify, educate, and train our workforce to meet the opportunities and unique economic conditions in each region of the state.
- D. Make recommendations to the Governor regarding potential legislation, policies, and programs necessary to accomplish these goals.

III. Membership

- A. The voting members of the Jobs Cabinet shall be appointed by and serve at that pleasure of the Governor.
- B. The following individuals shall serve as non-voting, *ex officio* members of the Jobs Cabinet:
 - 1. The Director of the Office of Economic Development and International Trade;
 - 2. The Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Labor;
 - 3. The Executive Director of the Department of Higher Education;
 - 4. The Executive Director of the Department of Local Affairs; and
 - 5. The Executive Director of the Department of Regulatory Agencies.
- C. The Governor shall appoint up to three members of Jobs Cabinet to serve as co-chairs.
- D. The Jobs Cabinet shall meet regularly at the direction and discretion of the co-chairs.
- E. The Jobs Cabinet shall establish the following regional subcommittees: Western Slope; Eastern Plains; San Luis Valley; Front Range; and Mountain Resorts. These regional subcommittees shall meet regularly to address issues particular to the respective region of their State, and to

engage in outreach in each region regarding issues of regional and statewide concern. The Jobs Cabinet may also create additional subcommittees as needed to address specific issues. The subcommittees formed by the Jobs Cabinet shall determine their own meeting schedules.

IV. Staffing and Resources

The Governor's Office of Policy and Initiatives shall provide the Jobs Cabinet necessary support, including information, data, and administrative assistance. The Jobs Cabinet shall have the power to accept money and in-kind contributions from public and private entities, but only to the extent such donations are necessary to cover its expenses. Any money contributed to the Jobs Cabinet shall be directed to the Office of the Governor and deposited with the Treasurer of the State of Colorado in an account within the Office of the Governor's budget. Members of the Jobs Cabinet shall serve without compensation, but may, at the discretion of the co-chairs and upon the approval of the Office of the Governor, be reimbursed for any actual expenses incurred.

V. Duration

This Executive Order shall remain in force until modified or rescinded by future Executive Order of the Governor.

GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado this first day of
April, 2008.

Bill Ritter, Jr.
Governor