

# **B 007 03**

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER**

### **CONTINUING THE WOMEN'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Office of the Governor of the State of Colorado, I, Bill Owens, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order continuing the Women's Economic Development Council within the Governor's Office of Economic Development.

#### **1. Background & Need**

Women-owned businesses should participate in the State's economic development programs, initiatives and policies. Increasing the involvement of the women-owned business community will not only promote the success of women-owned businesses, it will improve the State's economy as a whole.

In order to increase the participation of women-owned businesses in the economic development of the State, I hereby issue this Order continuing the Women's Economic Development Council (the "Council") within the Office of Economic Development.

#### **2. Membership**

- A. The Council shall consist of 45 members of the small business community. The members shall include at least five (5) residents of the Metro Denver Area and five (5) residents of each of the four regions of the State: Northeast, Southeast, Northwest, and Southwest.
- B. Members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.
- C. The members shall elect a chairperson from among the members to serve a term of two years.

#### **3. Duties**

- A. The Council shall:
  - (i) provide a public forum at which the perspective of women-owned businesses can be brought to the attention of the State;

- (ii) serve as a resource to the Office of Economic Development on statewide women business issues;
- (iii) identify any unique problems confronting women-owned businesses in Colorado that can be remedied by executive agencies; and
- (iv) make recommendations for regulatory changes needed at all levels of government to encourage the initiation, stability and growth of women-owned businesses in Colorado.

B. The Council shall meet as needed to pursue its work and submit findings and recommendations to the Office of Economic Development. Council members shall not receive compensation for their activities.

4. Past Executive Orders Superseded and Replaced

All other Executive Orders concerning the Council are hereby superseded and replaced by this Executive Order.

5. Duration

The Council shall continue in existence until December 31, 2007, unless it is either terminated or extended beyond that date by Executive Order of the Governor.

GIVEN under my hand and the  
Executive Seal of the State  
of Colorado, this \_\_\_\_\_  
day of July, 2003.

Bill Owens  
Governor