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EXECUTIVE ORDER

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

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 creating the Governor's Commission on Science & Technology.

1. Background & Need

Over the course of the past decade, Colorado has emerged as one of the premiere locations in the world for operating a high-tech business. Colorado state government needs to ensure that its policies, infrastructure and workforce development encourage and foster the growth of this ever-expanding industry that encompasses everything from information technology to biotechnology.

To meet this objective, I hereby issue this Executive Order creating the Governor's Commission on Science and Technology (the "Commission") within the Governor's Office of Innovation and Technology.

2. Membership

- A. The Governor shall appoint no more than 60 members to serve on the Commission at his pleasure. The Governor shall appoint from among the members two individuals to serve as Co-Chairs and two individuals to serve as Vice-Chairs. The Governor shall also appoint an individual not a member of the commission to serve as Executive Director of the Commission.
- B. The Commission members shall represent the stakeholders in the technology industry, the companies that employ thousands of Coloradans across the State. The members shall also include the Colorado Secretary of Technology, a representative of the Colorado General Assembly and the Director of the Governor's Office of Economic Development.

3. Duties

- A. The Commission shall advise the Governor on tax and regulatory issues affecting Colorado's technology industry. The Commission shall make

recommendations to the Governor on how to create a technology-friendly business and regulatory policy in Colorado.

- B. The Commission shall advise the Governor on other ways to make Colorado an attractive place for high-tech businesses to relocate and expand. Commission members will visit all regions of the State and make recommendations on how state government can facilitate networking and economic development in these regions.
- C. The Commission shall advise the Governor on technology workforce development policies and bring to bear its collective expertise to forecast the industry's workforce requirements for the 21st century. The Commission shall report to the Governor its recommendations on what industry, workforce preparation providers and government can each do to deal with the critical shortage of high technology workers.
- D. The Commission shall meet as often as necessary as determined by the Co-Chairs of the Commission. Commission members shall not receive compensation for their activities.

4. Staffing and Resources

The Governor's Office of Innovation and Technology shall provide staff support to the Commission. Pursuant to C.R.S. 24-37.5-105, the Office of Innovation and Technology will seek private funds to partially support the Commission's work.

5. Duration

This Executive Order shall remain in force until further modification or rescission by the Governor.

GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State
of Colorado, this thirtieth
day of September, 1999.

Bill Owens
Governor