



State of Delaware
Office of the Governor

Ruth Ann Minner
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 3

WHEREAS Delaware has managed to maintain a strong economy for years by carefully managing its resources and constantly refining its practices to attract industries that will be profitable in the future; and

WHEREAS many Delawareans have reaped direct personal benefits from this strong economy, such as improved job opportunities and rising personal income; and

WHEREAS the state has benefited broadly from this strong economy, in that it has enjoyed strong revenue growth, expanded state services, and reduced unemployment; and

WHEREAS the United States economy has become more volatile in the past several years, with industries ascending and receding faster than ever before; and

WHEREAS Delaware enjoys a strategic advantage over other states in this dynamic economic environment, because of its close-knit business, government, and educational communities and its resultant ability to adjust quickly to new opportunities; and

WHEREAS it is important that Delaware's state government have a mechanism in place to anticipate future business opportunities and recommend forward-

looking adjustments to the Governor to ensure that the groundwork is laid for those opportunities; and

WHEREAS it is also important that Delaware's state government have a mechanism to ensure that it is taking necessary steps to retain existing desirable businesses; and

WHEREAS the existence of such a mechanism is especially important at a time when some large employers in Delaware are contemplating a reduction in operations, due to factors external to Delaware;

I, Ruth Ann Minner, Governor of the State of Delaware, hereby ORDER on this Fifth Day of January, 2001:


1. The Strategic Economic Council is created for the purpose of advising the Governor on steps that should be taken to attract quality economic growth to Delaware, and for the purpose of advising the Governor on steps that should be taken to retain and strengthen Delaware's existing economic assets.
2. The Council shall consist of 22 members, to be selected as follows:
 - a. Two members who are to be professors from the University of Delaware or Delaware State University, to be appointed by the Governor.
 - b. One member of the Delaware State Chamber of Commerce, to be appointed by the Governor.

- c. One member of a county or local chamber of commerce from each of Delaware's three counties, to be appointed by the Governor.
- d. One representative of organized labor, to be appointed by the Governor.
- e. One representative of Delaware's financial services sector, to be appointed by the Governor.
- f. One representative of Delaware's life sciences sector, to be appointed by the Governor.
- g. One representative of Delaware's agricultural sector, to be appointed by the Governor.
- h. One representative of Delaware's information technology sector, to be appointed by the Governor.
- i. One representative of Delaware's chemical industry sector, to be appointed by the Governor.
- j. One representative from a Delaware environmental advocacy organization.
- k. One member to be appointed by the House of Representatives and one member to be appointed by the Senate.
- l. The State Treasurer.
- m. The State Finance Secretary.

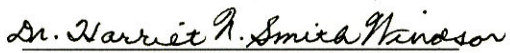
- n. The director of the Delaware Economic Development Office.
 - o. The Lieutenant Governor.
 - p. One member of the Governor's staff, to be appointed by the Governor.
 - q. Two at-large members to be appointed by the Governor.
- 3. The Governor shall select one of the Strategic Economic Council's members to serve as its chair. Appointees to the Council shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.
 - 4. Members of the Council shall receive no compensation.
 - 5. Staff support for the Council shall be provided by the Delaware Economic Development Office.
 - 6. The Council shall meet every other month, at a time and location to be determined by the chairman. By the end of its second meeting, the Council shall adopt and make public procedures for the conduct of its affairs which are consistent with this Executive Order.
 - 7. Any member of the Council who has any direct financial interest in any specific matter being discussed by the Council shall disclose such interest, but members of the Council shall not otherwise be considered state employees, state officers, or honorary state officials under 29 Del.C. § 5804 merely by their service on the Council.

8. The Council may create subcommittees as it sees fit to address specific issues within its purview.
9. Following each meeting, the Council shall report its activities to the Governor, and shall make specific recommendations as to the following:
 - a. Steps that Delaware should take at the state, county, and local levels to recruit specific desirable industries and business sectors to the state.
 - b. Steps that Delaware should take at the state, county, and local levels to retain specific existing desirable industries in the state.
 - c. Proposed legislation or executive action that should be undertaken to achieve goals listed in subsections (a) or (b) of this paragraph.
 - d. To the extent that there are differences of opinion on the Council regarding any recommendations, those differences of opinion shall be accurately described in the Council's report.
10. The Council's meetings shall be open to the public, provided that the Council may meet in executive session for purposes deemed appropriate by 29 Del.C. § 10001 et. seq., including but not limited to discussion of documents containing confidential or privileged commercial or financial information. Similarly, documents

produced by the Council shall be considered public record except to the extent that such documents are excluded from that definition by 29 Del.C. § 10002(d), including but not limited to documents containing commercial or financial information which is of a privileged or confidential nature.


Ruth Ann Minner

Attest:


Dr. Harriet N. Smith Windsor
Secretary of State

