

STATE OF DELAWARE



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT DOVER

EXECUTIVE ORDER
NUMBER SIX

TO: HEADS OF ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

RE: TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION FREEZE AND ESTABLISHING A CAPITAL PROJECTS
REVIEW COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, it is in the State's long term best interest to have measurable objectives for capital improvements and their subsequent operating cost implications; and

WHEREAS, during the last eight years the State has authorized \$443,000,000 in new construction; and

WHEREAS, as a result of these authorizations, the State now finds itself with one of the highest debt per capita ratios in the Nation; and

WHEREAS, there may presently be authorized projects which will have little impact on the improvement of operating programs or benefit to the taxpayer, while at the same time generating substantial, long term debt and operational expenses;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PIERRE S. duPONT, IV, by the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Delaware, do hereby declare and order as follows:

1. Effective immediately, no member of the Executive Departments shall enter into any contract on behalf of the State, or encumber any funds against authorized construction projects for a period of ninety (90) days from the effective date hereof, unless expressly authorized by the Governor in writing.

2. A Capital Projects Review Committee is hereby established whose members shall consist of the Director of State Planning, Chairman; the Secretary of Finance; the Secretary of State; the Secretary of Transportation; and the Secretary of Administrative Services.

3. This Committee shall be charged with the following responsibilities:

(a) Obtaining within thirty (30) days of this Executive Order from all State Departments and Agencies a four-year projection of their capital spending plans to include a detailed summary of currently authorized or requested capital projects and cash needs by project for all contracts outstanding, pending or anticipated over the four-year period.

(b) Each capital improvement project summary to be submitted for review by the Capital Projects Review Committee shall include an annual operating cost for the project once it is completed. This annual operating cost shall include any new staff positions, utility and maintenance costs, and any other increased costs to operate the facility or project.

(c) Each project summary submitted for review shall be ranked in order of priority within the Department or Agency submitting same and shall include a statement as to why the project is necessary and why it should be permitted to continue.

(d) Each Department or Agency shall also identify any projects for which funds can be reverted by virtue of their untimeliness or because they are completed.

4. The Committee shall be charged with reviewing all authorized projects for which contracts have not been awarded and to establish a priority listing for each capital improvement project among the various Departments and Agencies.

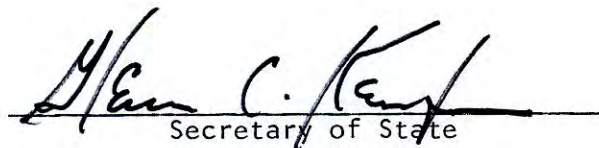
5. Within sixty (60) days of This Executive Order the Capital Projects Review Committee shall make its recommendations to the Governor for review and approval, and within ninety (90) days of this Order, I shall present my findings and recommendations to the General Assembly for their concurrence to defer, rescind, or otherwise modify any previously authorized capital improvements projects.

APPROVED this ^{30th} day of
March, A.D. 1977.




Governor

ATTEST:


Secretary of State