

**EXECUTIVE ORDER 95-13
PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL;
RESCINDING EXECUTIVE ORDER 92-3**

I, ARNE H. CARLSON, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the applicable statutes, do hereby issue this Executive Order:

WHEREAS, workforce development services need to be integrated with all human services to assist the economically disadvantaged, unemployed, and underemployed; and

WHEREAS, it is vital that state and local units of government closely coordinate their efforts to develop plans that meet locally determined needs, recommend meaningful programs to alleviate employment problems, reduce duplication and gaps in employment and training services, and effectively and economically utilize state and federal employment and training funds; and

WHEREAS, it is required by Laws of Minnesota 1995, Chapter 131, to establish a Governor's Workforce Development Council composed of representatives of business and industry, the state legislature, state agencies and organizations, units of local government, organized labor, and community-based organizations to plan, coordinate, and monitor the integration of workforce development;

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby order that:

1. The formation of the Governor's Workforce Development Council:
 - a. This council, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, shall be composed of 32 representatives of business and industry, the state legislature, state agencies, local units of government, labor, and community-based organizations. Members may be reimbursed for expenses and paid per diems as provided in Minnesota Statutes 1994, Section 15.059.
 - b. The council shall be appointed by the governor, who shall designate one non-governmental member thereof to be its chair. In making appointments to the council, the governor shall ensure that council membership reasonably represents the population of the state.
 - c. The council shall not operate programs or provide services directly, but shall exist solely to plan, coordinate, and monitor the provision of employment and training services.
2. The council shall:
 - a. Review the provision of services and the use of funds and resources under applicable federal, state, and local workforce development programs and advise the governor on methods of coordinating the provision of services and the use of funds and resources;
 - b. Review the federal, state, and local education, post-secondary, job skills training, and youth employment programs, and make recommendations to the governor and the legislature for establishing an integrated, seamless system for providing education, service-learning, and work skills development services to learners and workers of all ages;

- c. Advise the governor on the development and implementation of statewide and local performance standards and measures;
- d. Administer grants to local education and employment transition partnerships;
- e. Coordinate the development, implementation, and evaluation of the statewide education and employment transitions system;
- f. Advise the governor on methods to evaluate applicable federal workforce development programs;
- g. Sponsor appropriate studies to identify workforce development needs in Minnesota and recommend to the governor goals and methods for meeting those needs;
- h. Recommend to the governor goals and methods for the development and coordination of a workforce development system in Minnesota;
- i. Examine federal and state laws, rules, and regulations to assess whether they present barriers to achieving the development of a coordinated workforce development system;
- j. Recommend to the governor and to the federal government changes in state or federal laws, rules, or regulations concerning workforce development programs that present barriers to achieving the development of an integrated system;
- k. Recommend to the governor and to the federal government waivers of laws and regulations to promote coordinated service delivery; and
- l. Sponsor appropriate studies and prepare and recommend to the governor a strategic plan that details methods for meeting Minnesota's workforce development needs.

3. The council shall meet at least four (4) times annually and shall operate in accordance with state and federal statutes, rules, regulations, and council bylaws.
4. For the purpose of this Executive Order and to define the scope of the Governor's Workforce Development Council, the term "workforce development" shall be interpreted broadly and is intended to include all federal, state, and local programs that provide employment, training and retraining services, and educational services relating to the knowledge, skills, and abilities required for meaningful employment.
5. All state departments and agencies shall cooperate with the council established in this Executive Order.

Executive Order 92-3 is rescinded.


Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1994, Section 4.035, subd. 2, this Order shall be effective fifteen (15) days after publication in the State Register and filing with the Secretary of State and shall remain in effect until rescinded by proper authority or it expires in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 1994, Section 4.035, subd. 3.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand this fourth day of December, 1995.



ARNE H. CARLSON
Governor

Filed According to Law:



JOAN ANDERSON GROWE
Secretary of State

