



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 188

Providing for Equal Opportunity
in State Procurement

I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable statutes, do hereby issue this Executive Order.

WHEREAS, The State of Minnesota is committed by statute to provide and promote procurement opportunities for small businesses owned by socially and economically disadvantaged persons; and

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota has responsibility beyond those legal requirements to insure optimum use of all state human resources and to assist in providing economic opportunities for all its citizens, including those who are socially and economically disadvantaged, so as to insure their participation in the economic mainstream of the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, I order:

1. The Executive Branch of State Government, over and above those applicable legal requirements of existing state and federal law, shall take immediate action to insure procurement and contract opportunities in all state agencies for

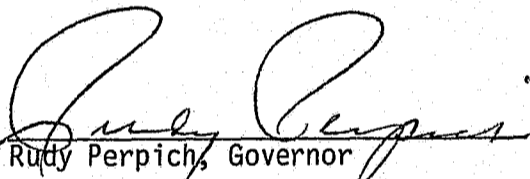
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small businesses owned by socially and economically disadvantaged persons as defined in Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 16.082.

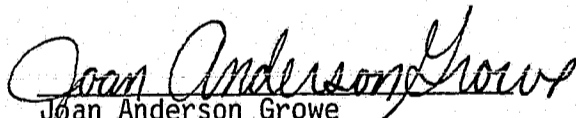
2. Each agency head shall insure his or her agency's compliance with this order. Each agency head shall develop, implement, and maintain in the agency a plan to provide procurement and contract opportunities for small businesses owned by socially and economically disadvantaged persons. Plans shall not be inconsistent with existing statutes and rules relating to procurement of goods or services.
3. There is established the Governor's Council on Equal Business Opportunity to consist of the Commissioners of Administration, Economic Development, Human Rights, Transportation, Economic Security, Education, and the Executive Director of the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, or their duly appointed representatives. The Council will report directly to the Governor on its activities. The Council shall devise and sponsor procurement related training courses, collect and distribute information to other government agencies, and promote a general awareness of programs to assist small businesses owned by socially and economically disadvantaged persons.
4. The Commissioner of Economic Development shall be responsible for public advocacy on behalf of this program.

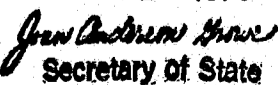
Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 4.035, this order shall be effective 15 days after its publication in the State Register and filing with the Secretary of State and shall remain in effect until it is rescinded by proper authority or it expires in accordance with Sections 4.035 or 15.0593.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand on this 21st day of December, 1978.


Rudy Perpich, Governor

Filed according to Law:


Joan Anderson Growe
Secretary of State

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