

EXECUTIVE ORDER 83-3

Restricting State Hiring, Procurement and Expenditures

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 most recent economic forecasts for the nation and state indicate a continuation of reduced revenues to the state; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of this administration and a requirement of the Constitution that the State of Minnesota conclude the current biennium with a balanced budget; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to reduce current expenditures in order to meet that policy and requirement;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Order:

- 1. No appointing authority in the Executive Branch of State government shall employ any person to fill a vacant position (classified or unclassified) which is paid from the General Fund during the pendency of this Order except as provided in paragraph 2.
- 2. This prohibition on hiring shall not extend to positions to be filled by a person who:
 - a. Will be providing direct care to patients at state institutions;
 - b. Will be providing direct supervision of inmates at correctional facilities;
 - c. Will be performing services necessary to the maintenance of public safety or otherwise essential to the operation of state government as determined by the Executive Secretary of the Cabinet in consultation with the Commissioners of Finance, Employee Relations and Administration;
 - d. Will provide direct instructional services to students in the state's post-secondary institutions if such position is committed to on the effective date of this order;
 - e. Is on leave from a state position and elects to continue employment with the state;
 - f. Will perform services as an inmate, resident or student employee of a state institution; or
 - g. Has received commitment of appointment to a state position previous to the effective date of this Order.

- 3. No person in the Executive Branch shall execute on behalf of any state agency during the pendency of this Order a contract for the performance of consultant services as defined by Minnesota Statutes, Section 16.098 and to be paid from the General Fund unless the Executive Secretary of the Cabinet, in consultation with the Commissioners of Administration and Finance, determines that the services to be performed are essential to the maintenance of public safety or are otherwise essential to the operation of state government.
- 4. No procurement transactions shall be processed on behalf of any agency of state government against the General Fund unless the Commissioner of Administration determines that the goods or services to be purchased are essential to the operation of state government.
- 5. No person in the Executive Branch shall engage in travel
 to be paid from the General Fund unless the head of the
 agency employing the person determines that such travel
 is necessary to the effective operation of state government.
- 6. None of the foregoing provisions shall be interpreted to invalidate any legal or contractual obligations of the state.
- 7. All Commissioners and Agency Heads shall take steps to limit expenditures which are not otherwise limited by the above provisions. Each Agency Head shall review and certify

any request for exemption from the provisions of this Order before such request is submitted to the appropriate approving authority as identified above.

8. Because of the need to take immediate action, this Order shall be effective at 2:01 p.m., January 19, 1983.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand on this 19th day of January, 1983.

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Filed According to Law:

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