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AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER 03 - 01 REGARDING REGULATORY STREAMLINING

On February 20, 2003, I executed Executive Order 03-01, establishing the Office of Regulatory Streamlining, reporting to the Department of Consumer and Business Services. Since its inception, the Office has streamlined regulatory processes and procedures; created consistency where administrative rules are duplicative or overlap; made investments in online technologies to improve permitting; and helped to coordinate administrative rule changes that require fiscal impacts with stakeholders.

With the cooperation and support of state agencies and businesses, the Office has catalogued a list of over 300 separate regulatory improvements that have removed barriers to business. Importantly, these improvements were achieved without compromising standards for environmental protections, consumer rights, or the health and safety of Oregon workers.

To a large extent, state agencies have institutionalized regulatory streamlining practices into their daily business model and existing performance management systems. However, more can still be done.

While the Office of Regulatory Streamlining will cease to exist on June 30, 2009, this Order amends and supersedes Executive Order 03-01, to shift elements of regulatory streamlining efforts to the Economic Revitalization Team (ERT).

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DIRECTED AND ORDERED:

- 1. On an ongoing basis, state agencies that regulate business activities in Oregon shall review their regulations and regulatory processes and identify opportunities to streamline those processes to reduce regulatory burdens without compromising regulatory standards. A reviewing agency shall look for ways to achieve:
 - a. Consistency in interpretation and predictability in application of regulations on a statewide basis;
 - b. Flexible and problem-solving approaches in applying regulatory requirements, while maintaining compliance with underlying standards;
 - c. Better coordination and communication where government agencies have overlapping regulatory authority;
 - d. Faster resolution of conflicting standards;

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- e. More timely, understandable and fair permit and approval processes;
- f. Elimination of any unnecessary paperwork, reporting or review requirements; and
- g. "User-friendly" processes, including increased use of technology to facilitate doing business with government.
- 2. State agencies that regulate business activities in Oregon shall periodically report to the ERT Director, as requested, on regulatory streamlining activities and results achieved in a form to be established by the ERT.
- 3. The Director of the ERT shall designate individuals to continue key aspects of the work of the Office of Regulatory Streamlining in a way that is consistent with ERT's statutory mission, including:
 - a. Acting as a liaison between the Department of Agriculture,
 Oregon Business Development Department (formerly known
 as the Economic & Community Development Department),
 Department of Consumer and Business Services, Department
 of Energy, Department of Environmental Quality, Oregon
 Housing and Community Services, Department of Land
 Conservation and Development, Oregon Department of
 Transportation, Department of State Lands, and Department
 of Water Resources (collectively referred to as the "ERT
 Agencies"), local governments, tribal governments,
 businesses and other regional partners to facilitate
 communication about regulatory barriers and challenges;
 - b. Developing mechanisms to increase coordination among ERT Agencies with overlapping regulatory authority on common regional, tribal, and local government programs and activities; and
 - c. Proposing ways to create regulatory efficiencies and problem solve during the rulemaking activities of ERT Agencies.
- 4. ERT's biennial reports to the Legislative Assembly shall include recommendations for legislative measures to increase flexibility and achieve greater regulatory efficiencies.

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5. This Order amends and supersedes Executive Order 03-01 Relating to Regulatory Streamlining.

Done at Salem, Oregon, this 25th day of June, 2009.



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SECRETARY OF STATE