



## **EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 08 – 03**

### **OREGON SMALL BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL**

The State of Oregon is committed to promoting growth and continued development of Oregon's small businesses.

The Governor and the Oregon Economic Development Commission would benefit from the assistance and leadership of a Small Business Advisory Council, which can work through the Oregon Economic & Community Development Department (OECDD) to develop recommendations on how best to promote the growth and economic vitality of Oregon's small business sector.

#### **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND DIRECTED:**

1. The Oregon Small Business Advisory Council (the Council) is established.
2. The Council shall consist of small business owners and managers representing diverse interests and geographic areas. The members shall represent a balance among the manufacturing, retail, wholesale, financial and other economic sectors, as well as urban, rural and minority- and women- owned businesses.
3. The Council shall consist of eleven persons appointed by the Governor. The Council members shall select a Chair and Vice-Chair. Member terms are three years, and the terms of the initial members shall be staggered. OECDD shall provide staff and support the Council.
4. The Council shall:
  - a. Consistent with the Governor's policies and objectives, research, identify and recommend changes in State programs, laws, policies and services that could benefit the small business community and facilitate more efficient development of small business throughout Oregon.
  - b. Meet at least four times per year at various geographic locations around the State, in order to provide Oregon small business owners and representatives with a forum to discuss ideas, barriers and State policies that impact the climate for small business in Oregon.



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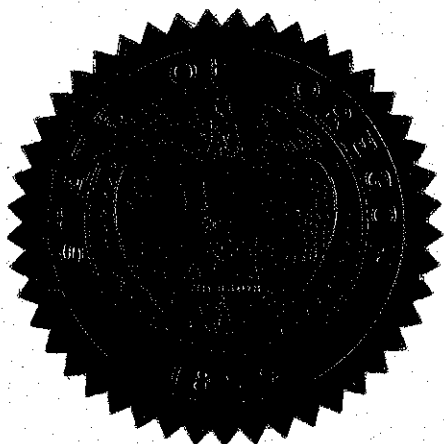
- c. Report to the Governor on an annual basis and serve as a resource to the legislature after consultation with the Governor's Office and OECDD. The report shall identify opportunities to promote the prosperity of Oregon small business, and it shall include a summary of issues and recommendations identified by the small business community around the State. The annual report will be distributed to OECDD, the Oregon Economic Development Commission and other relevant State agencies.
  - d. The Oregon Small Business Council shall examine and evaluate the impact of existing or proposed state regulations, legislation and administrative processes on small businesses in Oregon and include its key findings in its annual report, while maintaining a working reporting mechanism on issues and progress.
  - e. Evaluate existing and proposed state-funded technical and financial assistance resources available to small business and provide feedback to OECDD and other state providers.
  - f. Report issues relating specifically to rural small business to the Governor's Office of Rural Policy.
  - g. Work on special projects or assignments upon request of the Governor's Office.
5. The Council will help promote the Governor's agenda for small business around the state. The Council shall not lobby independent of the Governor's agenda.
6. The Council and its members are encouraged to participate in conferences, workshops and meetings of other business organizations around the state in order to facilitate communication and coordination of small business perspectives. The Council shall encourage participation from the applicable local Small Business Development Center and other resource providers.
7. Members of the Council may be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred in attending Council business pursuant to state travel regulations (ORS 292.495(2)), OECDD rules and policies and availability of budgeted funds.
8. This order rescinds and supersedes Executive Order 98-14.



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9. This order expires on January 31, 2010.

Done at Salem, Oregon, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2008.



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Theodore R. Kulongoski  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



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Bill Bradbury  
SECRETARY OF STATE