
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Executive Order 10 (2006)

CABINET RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

IMPORTANCE OF THE ISSUE

The Commonwealth needs to continue to improve its record of procuring goods and services from businesses owned by minorities and women as well as small businesses. Virginia is fully committed to equal opportunity in procurement. It is incumbent on everyone in leadership in state government to do their utmost to make the state's procurement practices more inclusive. The Department of Minority Business Enterprise plays an especially critical role in these efforts. The Department is the lead agency in promoting greater inclusiveness in procurement.

At present, the Secretary of Administration oversees the Department of General Services, which coordinates procurement generally, while the Secretary of Commerce and Trade oversees the Department of Minority Business Enterprise. It is appropriate to consolidate all procurement efforts under the Secretary of Administration. This action will improve the inclusiveness of the state's procurement efforts and to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the state's procurement efforts generally. This action will also increase accountability for the state's procurement efforts.

TRANSFER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE TO THE SECRETARY OF ADMINISTRATION

Section 2.2-204 of the *Code of Virginia* assigns the Department of Minority Business Enterprise to the Secretary of Commerce and Trade. Section 2.2-204 also permits the Governor, by executive order, to assign any agency listed in this section to another secretary. Accordingly, I hereby transfer responsibility for the Department of Minority Business Enterprise from the Secretary of Commerce and Trade to the Secretary of Administration.

This Executive Order shall become effective upon its signing and shall remain in full force and effect unless amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia this 3rd day of February 2006.

Timothy M. Kaine, Governor

Attest:

Secretary of the Commonwealth