
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Executive Order 34

ONE VIRGINIA, ONE FUTURE: ESTABLISHING THE GOVERNOR'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC PLANNING COUNCIL

Economic development is the engine by which citizens can improve their standard of living and sustain their communities to achieve the goal of One Virginia, One Future. The economy changes constantly, as does every business sector. The Commonwealth, her localities, and her regions must re-evaluate economic development strategies to take into account these evolutionary changes and incorporate them into economic development strategic planning.

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor under Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution of Virginia and Section 2.2-205 of the *Code of Virginia*, I hereby establish the Governor's Economic Development Strategic Planning Council (herein known as the "Planning Council"). The purpose of this Planning Council is to create a four-year strategic plan for economic development, in collaboration with interested citizens and economic development and related professionals.

The Secretary of Commerce and Trade will chair the Governor's Economic Development Strategic Planning Council on my behalf. The Planning Council shall include the Secretaries of Administration, Education, Health and Human Resources, Natural Resources, and Transportation, as specified in Section 2.2-205 B of the *Code of Virginia*. The Planning Council shall also include high-level representatives, designated by the Secretary of Commerce and Trade, from local and regional economic

development organizations across Virginia, from all sectors significant to Virginia's economy, and from other groups interested in economic development. All agencies deemed appropriate by the Secretary of Commerce and Trade shall participate and provide assistance as requested. In addition, I may designate such citizens as I deem appropriate to sit on the Planning Council.

Staff support for the Planning Council shall be provided by the Office of the Governor, the Office of the Secretary of Commerce and Trade, the various secretariats and their agencies represented on the Planning Council, and such other agencies as may be designated by the Secretary of Commerce and Trade. All executive branch agencies shall cooperate fully with the Planning Council and shall render such assistance as may be requested by the Chairman.

The Planning Council shall provide its final report to the Governor on or before December 10, 2002, setting forth the Commonwealth's proposed economic development strategic plan.

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

Given under my hand and under the seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia this 9th day of September 2002.

Mark R. Warner, Governor

Attest:

Secretary of the Commonwealth