

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER SEVENTY-FIVE

WHEREAS, a competitive and dynamic environment for job creators is needed to achieve our goals of 200,000 new jobs for Iowans and a 25% increase in family incomes over the next five years; and

WHEREAS, a vibrant and dynamic economy is of vital importance to the people of Iowa and fosters an essential environment for the creation of jobs to benefit Iowans; and

WHEREAS, economic development is an important public purpose in which both the public and private sectors have important roles to play; and

WHEREAS, according to Iowa Code section 15.101, “economic development is an important public purpose and that both the public and private sectors have a shared interest in fostering the economic vitality of the state;” and

WHEREAS, collaboration between government and private sector job creators, in the form of a public-private partnership was furthered by the laws of the first session of the Eighty-Fourth General Assembly which created a public-private partnership for economic development in Iowa; and

WHEREAS, the public-private collaboration encouraged by House File 590 (2011) will require the guidance, vision, and planning abilities that only a council of successful private sector business people can provide.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terry E. Branstad, Governor of the State of Iowa, declare that job creation, economic development and economic growth should be encouraged in the State of Iowa. I hereby order the creation of the Governor’s Iowa Partnership for Economic Progress (“IPEP”).

1. **Purpose:** IPEP shall serve as an advisory body within state government and function on a continuing basis for the study and recommendation of solutions and policy alternatives for issues arising in the area of economic development. The partnership shall focus on job creation, identifying emerging global markets, harnessing competitive economic forces, increasing the income of Iowa families and growing the Iowa economy.
2. **Organization:** IPEP shall be composed of no more than 15 members appointed by the Governor. Each member will serve at the pleasure of the Governor without compensation and in an advisory capacity.
 - a. The IPEP board shall include the following ex-officio, non-voting members: the chair of the economic authority board, the head of the non-profit organization known as the Iowa Innovation Corporation, the director of the economic development authority and the Governor, or the Governor’s designee.
 - b. The IPEP board shall include the following members: eleven additional IPEP board members who are actively engaged in the private, for-profit sector of the economy or have experience in private sector job creation, economic development or other related fields. These board members for the partnership shall be appointed by the Governor for staggered terms of two years to begin at 12:01a.m. on November 1 in

the year of appointment and expire at midnight on October 31 in the year of expiration. Initially, terms of members will be staggered with five members appointed to an initial one year term and six members appointed to an initial two year term.

Six members of the IPEP board constitute a quorum and the affirmative vote of a majority of the appointed members is necessary for any action taken by the board. The majority shall not include any member who has a conflict of interest and a statement by a member of a conflict of interest shall be conclusive for this purpose. A vacancy in the membership does not impair the ability of a quorum to exercise all rights and perform all duties of the partnership.

The economic development authority shall provide staff support to IPEP, as needed, to enable IPEP to fulfill its responsibilities.

3. **Goals:** The IPEP board shall have the following duties:
- a. hold meetings for the purposes of carrying out its advisory functions; and
 - b. develop a strategic vision for economic development and private-sector job creation in Iowa; and
 - c. reach other goals and objectives as requested by the office of the Governor.

All agencies, departments and boards of the State of Iowa shall cooperate fully with IPEP. IPEP may seek the expertise and services of individuals and entities outside its membership for research, advice and other needs, as required to accomplish its mission.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE
HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME
AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF
THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED.
DONE AT DES MOINES THIS ___ DAY
OF _____ IN THE YEAR OF OUR
LORD TWO THOUSAND ELEVEN.**

**TERRY E. BRANSTAD
GOVERNOR OF IOWA**

ATTEST:

**MATT SCHULTZ
SECRETARY OF STATE**