

State of Iowa
Executive Department

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER SIXTEEN

WHEREAS, the Culver-Judge Administration envisions an economic future for the State of Iowa in which its citizens will lead the nation toward the clean, safe, unlimited, efficient, job-producing, prosperity-inducing and environmentally friendly energies of the 21st Century (sometimes referred to as a "Green Economy"); and

WHEREAS, to advance this vision, the Culver-Judge Administration is dedicated to increasing the number of private sector jobs for Iowans, including new energy-related jobs and a strengthened manufacturing base in our State and to increase the prosperity of our citizens by creating new energy-related technologies; and

WHEREAS, in the face of an international economic crisis, on February 17, 2009, President Barack Obama signed into law the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, hereinafter "Recovery Act," as a proposal to jump-start the United States economy; and

WHEREAS, appropriations under the Recovery Act, many of them awarded upon the application of bids in a competitive process, offer support for state and local investment in infrastructure, energy efficiency and technology, job preservation and state and local fiscal stabilization; and

WHEREAS, collaboration between state agencies can increase the effectiveness of the State of Iowa in leveraging various state, federal and private funding streams to create green jobs; and

WHEREAS, in order to compete effectively for private sector investments in new clean, safe, unlimited, efficient and job-producing businesses and industries that will help ensure the financial well-being of Iowans for years to come, the State of Iowa must offer increased access to education and workforce development training programs to students and workers to create a pipeline of talent that will help to develop a more vibrant 21st Century Green Economy for Iowa; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a Green Jobs Task Force to examine and report on the issue of green job creation would enable Iowa to make use of additional federal and private resources that are now available for long-term reinvestment in Iowa's advancing green economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chester J. Culver, Governor of the State of Iowa, by the power vested in me by the laws and the constitution of the State of Iowa do hereby order as follows:

A GREEN JOBS TASK FORCE shall be created.

I. **Membership.** Membership on the Green Jobs Task Force shall include:

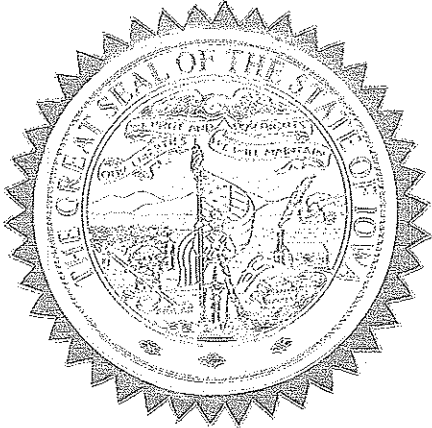
- The Governor, or the Governor's designee;
- The Director of the Iowa Office of Energy Independence, or the director's designee;
- The Director of Iowa Workforce Development, or the director's designee;
- The Director of the Iowa Department of Economic Development, or the director's designee;
- The Director of the Iowa Finance Authority, or the director's designee;
- The Chair of the Iowa Utilities Board, or the chair's designee;

- The Director of the Iowa Department of Transportation, or the director's designee;
- The Chief of Iowa Department of Education's Bureau of Community Colleges and Career & Technical Education, or the chief's designee;
- The Director of the Board of Regents of the State of Iowa, or the director's designee;
- The Division Administrator of the Division of Community Action Agencies, of the Iowa Department of Human Rights;
- The Building Code Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety;
- The Director of the Iowa Energy Center, or the director's designee; and
- The Consumer Advocate or his designee.
- The Executive Director of the Iowa Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, or the executive director's designee.
- The Executive Director of the Iowa Association of Community College Trustees, or the executive director's designee.

The Director of Iowa Office of Energy Independence, or the director's designee, shall serve as Chair of the Green Jobs Task Force. The Director of the Iowa Workforce Development, or the director's designee, shall serve as the Vice-Chair of the Green Jobs Task Force.

- II. **Duties.** The Green Jobs Task Force shall study and craft proposals, including proposals for Recovery Act funding when necessary, to:
- Create jobs that will deliver integrated and effective energy efficiency in new housing, commercial and industrial construction, and the retrofit of existing structures.
 - Train workers for alternative energy jobs including: wind technology, solar, small hydro, biomass electric and biomass heating.
 - Train workers for the biofuels industry and increase demand for biofuels.
 - Invest in Research and Development jobs which improve the efficiency of alternative fuels and other valuable chemicals.
 - Support and encourage growth in industries that employ green jobs.
 - Develop smart grids for distributed energy installation and electricity transmission.
 - Develop intelligent transportation systems.
 - Support Green Jobs Apprenticeship programs that train workers in Green technology.
 - Train workers for advanced transportation technologies.
 - Increase the options for financing energy efficiency projects undertaken in the private and public sectors.
 - Spur additional research and development in energy efficiency, cogeneration, combined heat and power and renewable technologies.
 - Produce research that promotes new green energy sources or enhances the efficiency of existing energy sources such as wind, solar, biomass, natural gas, and coal.
 - Develop energy related curricula at the Regent universities and independent colleges and universities, and the articulation of these with community colleges.
 - Improve and create infrastructure such as blender pumps, intermodal freight rail and passenger rail that will support the growth of green jobs.
 - Implement smart growth policies that will create green jobs which would include brownfield and grayfield redevelopment.
 - Promote local food systems.
 - Promote new work patterns that reduce energy usage and benefit Iowa employers and workers.
 - Invest in broadband and other technology that supports an increase in the number and type of green jobs.


- III. **Report.** The Green Jobs Task Force shall prepare a comprehensive report, outlining its activities and making recommendations for action by the Governor's Office no later than October 1, 2009.
- IV. **Administrative Support.** The Iowa Office of Energy Independence shall provide the administrative support necessary to facilitate the work of the Green Jobs Task Force.
- V. **Dissolution.** The Green Jobs Task Force shall be dissolved upon submission of its report to the Governor's Office.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of Iowa to be affixed. Done at Des Moines this 20th day of August, in the year of our Lord two thousand nine.


CHESTER J. CULVER
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


MICHAEL A. MAURO
SECRETARY OF STATE