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GOVERNOR PATRICK ANNOUNCES CREATION OF DEVELOPMENT CABINET

Patrick to Chair Cabinet Focused on Economic, Infrastructure Development

BOSTON- Tuesday, January 9, 2007 -Governor Deval Patrick today announced the creation his Development Cabinet, a collaborative partnership between Cabinet Secretaries geared toward identifying and promoting business development, job growth and infrastructure projects.

The Development Cabinet will be chaired by Governor Patrick and will draw together Secretaries of Housing and Economic Development, Transportation and Construction, Labor and Workforce Development, Energy and Environmental Affairs, and Administration and Finance.

The Cabinet will meet weekly to identify opportunities where Secretaries can work together on projects that will expand the economic opportunities throughout the Commonwealth.

"The work of government, too often, is performed in silos. We recognize the interconnectivity of much of the work our agencies and departments perform and want to assure better coordination," Governor Patrick said. "A top goal of this administration is to bring to government greater efficiency and effectiveness. This Development Cabinet will get people working together in a more collaborative manner to promote economic growth and move our state forward."

Governor Patrick today also directed his cabinet secretaries to forge closer working relationships with the various boards, commissions and agencies throughout state government.

This unprecedented level of cooperation between the governor's office and the state panels and authorities is meant to bring more accountability, transparency and efficiency to the day-to-day workings of the Commonwealth.

These many boards, commissions and authorities exercise broad statutory authority over various matters in Massachusetts that fall within the purview of the governor's secretariats. The boards also have access to substantial public funds and some have bonding authority.

To better coordinate the state's efforts, Governor Patrick directed the cabinet secretaries to take the following actions:

- Appoint a liaison to each board, commission or authority whose focus overlaps with the secretariat. In some instances, the secretaries already serve in ex officio capacity or may appoint a representative to the entity.
- Convene quarterly meetings with the heads of the boards, commissions and authorities to find ways to collaborate generally, as well as on a project-by-project basis.
- Post online the agenda, time and location for all meetings of the boards, commissions and authorities that are subject to open meetings law.