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By His Excellency

MITT ROMNEY
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 446 (No. 03-4)

ESTABLISHING REGIONAL COMPETITIVE COUNCILS

WHEREAS, the economic development of each of the Commonwealth's various geographic regions is critical to the overall health and competitiveness of the Commonwealth's economy; and

WHEREAS, better information concerning the economic challenges and needs faced by each of the Commonwealth's regions would assist the Commonwealth in providing more effective and targeted economic assistance to such regions; and

WHEREAS, better coordination among the various public and quasi-public entities providing economic assistance to each region of the Commonwealth would facilitate the delivery and maximize the impact of such assistance;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mitt Romney, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Supreme Executive Magistrate, do hereby order as follows:

Section 1. There are hereby established the Governor's Regional Competitiveness Councils (the "Councils," or, individually, "Council"), which shall advise the Governor on economic activities, issues and needs in the various regions of the Commonwealth, and which shall make recommendations to the Governor concerning strategies for better coordinating and targeting economic assistance to entities in such regions.

Section 2. There shall be seven (7) Councils, each focusing on one of the following seven (7) "regions" in the Commonwealth, or such other regions as the Director of the Department of Economic Development ("Director") may direct in writing: Greater Boston, Northeast, Southeast, Cape and Islands, Central, Pioneer Valley, and Berkshire. Unless the Director directs otherwise in writing, the geographical boundaries of each region shall be as set forth in the Commonwealth's 2002 economic development report, entitled "Toward a New Prosperity: Building Regional Competitiveness Across the Commonwealth."

Section 3. Each Council shall consist of the Director, or her designee, and no more than 35 members, appointed by the Governor for a term coterminous with the Governor, who shall be leaders in business, labor, economic development and education in the applicable region of the Commonwealth. Each Council shall be co-chaired by a Council member selected by the Governor and by the Director, or her designee. All members shall serve without compensation in an advisory capacity and at the pleasure of the Governor.

Section 4. The Governor shall appoint a Senior Economic Advisor to the Councils, who shall serve without compensation in an advisory capacity and at the pleasure of the Governor.

Section 5. Councils may call and rely upon the expertise and services of individuals and entities outside of their membership for research, advice, support or functions necessary and appropriate to further and accomplish their missions.

Section 6. Each Council shall meet at such times and places as established by the Council Chair, but no less than twice annually. The Councils shall, either individually or collectively, provide recommendations to the Governor concerning regional competitiveness no less than annually.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston
this 13th day of February in the year of our
Lord two thousand three, and of the
Independence of the United States of
America two hundred and twenty seven.

MITT ROMNEY, GOVERNOR
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN

GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS