

EXECUTIVE ORDER

THE STATE OF TEXAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUSTIN, TEXAS

EXECUTIVE ORDER GWB 96-6

RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE TEXAS SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, creation of new industries from emerging technologies and improvement of traditional technologies will increase employment opportunities in Texas;

WHEREAS, Texas has strong research capabilities in higher education institutions and should take a leadership position in fostering research and development in advanced technology fields;

WHEREAS, there is an identified need for the State to focus and become proactive on research, development, and technology transfer, and to develop State policies to foster these activities;

WHEREAS, Texas' high technology industry has a good relationship and trade balance with Mexico, and other trade partners, and is an integral part of the Texas economy; and

WHEREAS, Texas will achieve its position of preeminence in the fields of science and technology through an active and coordinated partnership between government, academia, and the private sector.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, George W. Bush, Governor of Texas, by virtue of the power vested in me, do hereby create and establish the Texas Science and Technology Council, hereinafter referred to as the Council.

The Council shall consist of up to 21 members appointed by the Governor who shall serve two year terms, and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The Governor shall designate the Chair of the Council who shall serve in that position at the pleasure of the Governor. The Council shall meet at the call of the Chair. The Chair shall name the Vice-Chair of the Council.

The Council shall research, develop, and report to the Governor the means available to the State of Texas to become the national leader in science and technology cooperation, development, and research. The Council shall advise the Governor regarding implementation of a science and technology strategy after interacting with the technology community, state and federal agencies, the State Legislature, and the Congress. The Council shall also:

1. Review and recommend policies that will increase the amount of basic research and applied research conducted by state colleges, state universities, and the private sector;

2. Propose state policies and actions that promote technology development and transfer in Texas, including the creation of partnerships that support and benefit the establishment of new technology industries in Texas;
3. Analyze and propose state policies that encourage ready availability and accessibility of venture capital and commercial lending;
4. Study and make recommendations on any issues that directly relate to improving the State's competitive position in the areas of science, research and development, and advanced technology development;
5. Explore ways to increase trade and encourage cooperative initiatives with Mexico and other trading partners that will benefit technology and telecommunications industries based in Texas; and
6. Identify and coordinate with the Texas Department of Commerce to attract new industries to Texas.

The members of the Council shall receive neither compensation nor per diem, but shall receive reimbursement in an amount not to exceed the amount authorized by the Texas General Appropriations Act for reasonable and necessary travel expenses incurred in the direct performance of official duties. The Office of the Governor may provide staff support as necessary for the Council.

This Executive Order shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect until modified, amended or rescinded.

Given under my hand this the 18th day of
September, 1996.

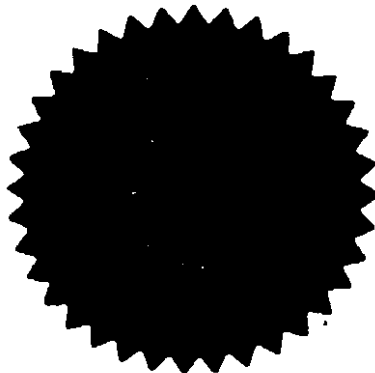


GEORGE W. BUSH

Attest:

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Secretary of State



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