

The GEEEO shall also be authorized to provide information and referral services to all state employees and agencies, or other state entities upon request.

On or before February 1 of each year, the GEEEO shall furnish a report to the governor and both houses of the legislature on the status of equal employment opportunity in Texas. Additional reports shall be made to the governor as deemed necessary by the executive director of the GEEEO.

All state agencies and other state entities are hereby directed to cooperate with the GEEEO in the performance of its duties.

This executive order shall be effective immediately and shall remain in full force and effect until modified, amended, or rescinded by me.

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Governor of Texas

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Establishing the Governor's Advisory Committee on Minority Business Enterprise.

WHEREAS, the prosperity and high standard of living enjoyed by the citizens of Texas is founded on the principle of free enterprise and increased development, expansion, and promotion of all businesses statewide; and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas has historically been a leader among the states in attracting and maintaining viable businesses; and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas should continue a deliberate course to encourage expansion and development of businesses, including minority business enterprise; and

WHEREAS, Texas' population is expected to increase from 14.2 million in 1980 to approximately 22 million by the year 2000; and

WHEREAS, 170,000 new employment opportunities must be created in Texas each year through the end of the century to meet the needs of a growing Texas population; and

WHEREAS, to effectively address the state's increasing employment needs, it is essential that minority business expansion be facilitated by a coordinated state strategy that encourages and promotes the growth of minority business enterprise.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark White, governor of Texas, under the authority vested in me, do hereby create and establish the Governor's Advisory Committee on Minority Business Enterprise, hereinafter referred to as the minority business enterprise advisory committee.

The minority business enterprise advisory committee will consist of not more than 15 members appointed by the governor. Each shall serve for two-year terms and at the pleasure of the governor. The minority business enterprise advisory committee shall be comprised of a broad representation from small business, minority-owned businesses, others representing institutions of higher education, labor, elected officials, and other interested citizens and organizations. The governor shall designate a chairman and vice-chairman who shall serve in those positions at the pleasure of the governor.

The minority business enterprise advisory committee is charged with the following responsibilities:

- (a) investigate the opportunities available in Texas for minority business development;
- (b) examine in detail state and federal statutory laws and regulations which affect minority business development, giving special attention to the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982, Public Law 97-424, 96 Stat 2097;
- (c) identify areas in state statutory laws and regulations which act as barriers to minority business development, giving special attention to competitive bidding statutes, regulations, and contract compliance;
- (d) examine the role and scope of state agencies and private organizations involved in minority business development, giving particular attention to the Small Minority Business Enterprise Division established in 1981 as a division of the Texas Industrial Commission by Texas Civil Statutes, Article 5186a;
- (e) make recommendations to the governor regarding necessary legislation or action by the governor's office which may aid in strengthening minority businesses and in providing opportunities for minority business enterprise to share equitably in state purchase and service contracts;
- (f) perform other related duties as may be requested by the governor.

On or before January 1, 1984, the minority business enterprise advisory committee shall make a complete written report of its activities and recommendations to the governor. Quarterly reports shall be made to the special assistant and director of the Governor's Office on Small Business and Equal Employment Opportunity, who shall assist the minority business enterprise advisory committee upon request.

The minority business enterprise advisory committee shall meet quarterly, or more frequently upon the call of the chairman. A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum. The chairman shall, with the consultation of the Governor's Office of Small Business and Equal Employment Opportunity, establish the agenda for the minority business enterprise advisory committee meetings.

The members of the minority business enterprise advisory committee shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for their travel expenses incurred in connection herewith at prevailing state rates.

All agencies of state and local governments are hereby directed to cooperate with and assist the minority business enterprise advisory committee in the performance of its duties.

This executive order shall be effective immediately and shall remain in full force and effect until modified, amended, or rescinded by me.

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