

## Executive Order

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### ESTABLISHING THE GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON ECONOMIC TRANSITION

WHEREAS, defense contract spending and the operation of military installations within the state have a significant impact on the Texas economy; and

WHEREAS, changes in the global political climate and national budgetary priorities allow for decreases in defense spending and the closure of military facilities within these United States and within the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the resulting economic dislocations and installation closings will seriously affect thousands of Texans and the Texas economy; and

WHEREAS, the state must mobilize its resources to smooth the transition for its affected cities, industries, and employees to civilian activities; and

WHEREAS, the state must take advantage of opportunities that will result from economic development and diversification;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ann W. Richards, Governor of Texas, by the authority vested in me do hereby establish the Governor's Task Force on Economic Transition. The Task Force consists of the following persons: Secretary of State John Hannah, Chair; Joan Baker; Sandy Dochen; Dr. Jeff Dumas; Robert Gonzales; Paul Gormly; Horace Grace; Gloria Hernandez; Robert Kohler; Jeff Latcham; Donald R. Looney; Hans Mark; Gwen Marlin; Tommy Joe Mills; Dr. Leo Newland; Glen Peterson; A. L. Pollard; Doug Richardson; James M. Steed; Gwen Webb; Roger Williams; Mary Beth Williamson; and John Ybanez.

The Task Force shall meet at the call of the Chair.

Coordination of the Task Force will reside in the Governor's Department of Finance and Business Development.

The Task Force is charged with the following responsibilities:

1. To determine the level and extent of the statewide economic impact of the military closings and to pinpoint regional and local economic impacts.
2. To advise state and local agencies on actions to encourage planning for the transition of military facilities, businesses, and workers to civilian activities.
3. To recommend ways in which state and local agencies can use existing resources to assist in retraining and employment of those persons adversely affected by closings and lay-offs.
4. To determine what role the state should play to help businesses and corporations find commercial markets for their military-oriented goods and services.

The following state agencies are directed to cooperate with and assist the Task Force: The Texas Department of Commerce, the Texas Education Agency, the Texas Employment Commission, the Texas Department of Human Services, The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, and the Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Given under my hand this 30th day of July, 1991.

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Governor of Texas

