



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

WHEREAS: Code Section 50-7-7 charges the Georgia Department of Economic Development ("GDEcD") with the responsibility to promote existing and new business ventures in the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS: Code Sections 50-5-120 et seq. creates an Advisory Council responsible for making recommendations to encourage opportunities for small businesses to compete for state contracts; and

WHEREAS: Code Sections 50-5-130 et seq. charges the Georgia Department of Administrative Services ("DOAS") with the responsibility to certify minority businesses as defined therein and to certify them in an effort to create opportunities for minority businesses to compete for state contracts; and

WHEREAS: Code Section 48-7-38 and O.C.G.A. §§ 50-5-130 et seq. charge DOAS with the responsibility to perform certain certification and record keeping functions with respect to minority businesses; and

WHEREAS: The Governor's Small Business Center ("GSBC") is presently located in and operated under the supervision of DOAS; and

WHEREAS: GSBC engages in activities such as the Governor's Mentor Protégé Program and small business outreach and development which do fall outside the scope of DOAS' statutory authority and more properly fall under the statutory authority of GDEcD; and

NOW THEREFORE PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HERBY

ORDERED: That the GSBC shall be immediately transferred from DOAS to GDEcD in order to more effectively provide general business development assistance to small and minority businesses;

- ORDERED: That the GSBC continue to be responsible for providing general business development assistance to small and minority businesses and administer programs such as, but not limited to, the Governor's Mentor-Protégé Program;
- ORDERED: That DOAS continue to perform the duties and functions assigned to it by law and as outlined above; and
- ORDERED: To the extent necessary to effectuate the transfer of duties and purposes under this order, OPB is directed, under O.C.G.A. § 45-12-90, to determine and transfer an appropriate portion of current appropriations to the appropriate budget unit or to otherwise make such funds available to GDEcD and to facilitate the transfer of the current positions within DOAS and GSBC to GDEcD as necessary for the transfer of duties and purposes under this order.
- ORDERED: That DOAS and GDEcD, with assistance from OPB, enter into such agreements as are necessary to effectuate the transfer of duties, purposes and personnel pursuant to this order.

THIS 12th DAY OF January, 2005.


GOVERNOR