



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

WHEREAS: O.C.G.A. § 50-5-50 states that it is the public policy of the State of Georgia that contracts and other procurement activities be conducted with integrity and in a manner that will increase public confidence; and

WHEREAS: Although it is always important that the State does business with organizations with integrity, in this current budget environment it is especially vital to monitor the use of our scarce resources; and

WHEREAS: To date, 70 employees of the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now ("ACORN") have been convicted of crimes committed in the course of their work for the organization; and

WHEREAS: There are numerous investigations, indictments, and prosecutions currently pending against ACORN and its staff throughout the nation; and

WHEREAS: As a result of recent actions by ACORN, the U.S. Census Bureau ended its relationship with ACORN on September 11 and the U.S. Senate voted 83-7 to cut off federal funding from ACORN on September 14; and

WHEREAS: Recent acts of ACORN employees and agents resulted in ACORN subjecting itself to an internal review of its acts and practices;

WHEREAS: ACORN's current acts and historical conduct make clear that financial involvement with organizations such as ACORN is contrary to the public policy of the State of Georgia and the best interests of its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BY THE POWER VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED: That all state departments, agencies, boards, bureaus and commissions including without limitation the Board of Regents and the University System of Georgia as defined in O.C.G.A. § 50-5-77 and within the executive branch (hereinafter "Agencies" or "Agency"), are hereby

prohibited from entering into any future contracts with ACORN or its subsidiaries or affiliates.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That all Agencies are hereby directed to cease all existing funding for ACORN or its subsidiaries or affiliates unless such funding is legally obligated. If an Agency determines that such funding is legally obligated, that Agency is directed to inform the Executive Counsel to the Governor of its determination.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That all Agencies are hereby directed to provide to the Executive Counsel to the Governor a copy of all existing contracts or other agreements between the Agency and ACORN or its subsidiaries or affiliates no later than September 23, 2009.

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ORDERED: That no later than September 23, 2009, all Agencies are hereby directed to provide to the Executive Counsel to the Governor a copy of all existing contracts or other agreements between local governments and ACORN, its subsidiaries or affiliates that involve state funds.

This 17th day of September, 2009.


GOVERNOR