

2D.1 International relations advisory council.

1. An international relations advisory council is created to provide coordination of state and local international relations activities, through both the public and private sectors, and to provide recommendations to the governor and to the general assembly relating to international relations activities.

2. The international relations advisory council shall consist of all of the following members:

a. The cochairpersons of the international relations committee established by the legislative council, or their designees.

b. Two members of the senate who are members of the international relations committee of the legislative council, appointed by the majority leader of the senate, after consultation with the president of the senate and the minority leader of the senate, and two members of the house of representatives who are members of the international relations committee of the legislative council, appointed by the speaker of the house, after consultation with the majority leader and the minority leader of the house of representatives.

c. The director of the department of economic development, or the director's designee.

d. The secretary of agriculture, or the secretary's designee.

e. The director of the department of administrative services, or the director's designee.

f. The director of the department of workforce development, or the director's designee.

g. The director of the department of cultural affairs, or the director's designee.

h. The director of the department of education, or the director's designee.

i. The director of public health, or the director's designee.

j. Representatives of agriculture, private business and industry, international programs provided through universities and colleges located in this state, Iowa sister states, the refugee services center of the department of human services, and others, selected by the legislative council, based upon recommendations made by the international relations committee of the legislative council.

3. The cochairpersons of the international relations committee of the legislative council shall serve as cochairpersons of the advisory council.

4. The executive branch protocol officer and the legislative branch protocol officer shall act in a consultative capacity to the advisory council. The legislative branch protocol officer shall provide staff support to the advisory council.

5. The advisory council shall do all of the following:

a. Create a statewide network to coordinate international relations activities involving the executive and legislative branches, business and industry, public and private educational institutions, and other entities involved in promoting international relations. The network shall include provision of information to the public via electronic access utilizing the most advanced and cost-effective and efficient technology.

b. Coordinate existing resources, provided through state agencies and other entities with international relations expertise, to facilitate international relations activities. Resources shall be utilized in a manner which is most appropriate to the type of international relations activity involved.

- c.* Provide continuity, over time, at the state level in the development and enhancement of partnerships with international colleagues.
- d.* Develop a comprehensive, state international relations policy and define the state's role in the international relations arena.
- e.* Coordinate efforts with the executive branch and legislative branch protocol officers.
- f.* Sponsor an annual state summit on international relations capacity to promote international relations activities in a variety of arenas including but not limited to international market development and civic, cultural, and educational opportunities. The summit should incorporate input from city, county, and state entities from both the public and private sectors.
- g.* Inform and educate the public, workforce, students, businesses, and state policymakers regarding the importance of international involvement in both economic and noneconomic international relations activities.
- h.* Compile reference materials and a listing of resources to be available to policymakers and the public in preparing for international relations activities and travel. The compiled materials and listing of resources shall be provided via electronic access utilizing the most advanced and cost-effective and efficient technology.

2000 Acts, ch 1102, §1; 2003 Acts, ch 145, §286