

15E.19 Regulatory assistance.

1. The department of economic development shall coordinate all regulatory assistance for the state of Iowa. Each state agency administering regulatory programs for business shall maintain a coordinator within the office of the director or the administrative division of the state agency. Each coordinator shall do all of the following:

- a.* Serve as the state agency's primary contact for regulatory affairs with the department of economic development.
- b.* Provide information regarding regulatory requirements to businesses and represent the state agency to the private sector.
- c.* Monitor permit applications and provide timely permit status information to the department of economic development.
- d.* Require regulatory staff participation in negotiations and discussions with businesses.
- e.* Notify the department of economic development regarding proposed rulemaking activities that impact a regulatory program and any subsequent changes to a regulatory program.

2. The department of economic development shall, in consultation with the coordinators described in this section, examine, and to the extent permissible, assist in the implementation of methods, including the possible establishment of an electronic database, to streamline the process for issuing permits to business.

3. By January 15 of each year, the department of economic development shall submit a written report to the general assembly regarding the provision of regulatory assistance by state agencies, including the department's efforts, and its recommendations and proposed solutions, to streamline the process of issuing permits to business.

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