



State of Iowa

Executive Department

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

Executive Order Number 51

- WHEREAS, the nation's high rate of unemployment and sluggish economy require more effective use of scientific and engineering resources to generate economic growth; and
- WHEREAS, economic projections indicate a high potential for growth in high technology industries in the future; and
- WHEREAS, the state of Iowa has many of the attributes and capabilities needed to encourage the development of high technology industries and significant gains have already been achieved; and
- WHEREAS, the economic future of Iowa would be made more secure by a greater diversification of the economy into high technology industries; and
- WHEREAS, such diversification can be achieved by directing existing resources into high technology development; and
- WHEREAS, Iowa's High Technology Task Force has recommended that Iowa strengthen its efforts to attract and develop high technology industries and that this effort be coordinated by the appointment of a High Technology Commission.
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert D. Ray, Governor of the state of Iowa, by the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of Iowa, do hereby establish the Iowa High Technology Commission.

SECTION ONE

The Commission shall be administratively integrated into the Iowa Development Commission with use of IDC staff support and assistance.

SECTION TWO

The Commission shall be composed of no more than 17 members all of whom shall be appointed by the Governor. The Governor shall appoint one of the members as Chairperson. Initially, one-third of the members shall be appointed for a term of two years, one-third for a term of three years, and the remaining one-third of the members for a term of four years. Thereafter, as the terms of the members so appointed expire, their successors shall be appointed each for a term of four years; provided, however, that upon a member's death, disability, resignation, or removal by the Governor for good cause, the Governor shall appoint a person to serve for the unexpired term.

SECTION THREE

The Commission shall meet once each quarter and shall hold special meetings on call of the Chairperson. Five members present at a meeting shall constitute a quorum. The Commission may adopt such rules as it may deem necessary to govern its procedures.

SECTION FOUR

It shall be the duty of the Commission to:

1. promote the planning, coordination, and evaluation of Iowa's efforts to develop high technology capabilities and employment.
2. provide leadership in the establishment of research and development centers for high technology.
3. encourage the private development of properties for the development of high technology companies.
4. coordinate and stimulate with the Iowa Development Commission promotional efforts to attract and expand high technology enterprises.
5. ensure the proper development of an effective mechanism to transfer information on technology and research to Iowa's existing industry.
6. promote legislation that will stimulate the development and growth of high technology in Iowa.
7. aid in identifying the research needs of industry, universities, government and others.
8. encourage the funding of technology and research from business and government sources.
9. work to increase the public awareness of technology and the attractiveness of Iowa as a location for related industries.
10. work to form a broad-based, long-term commitment to build up Iowa's research base through promotion, human resource development and capital investment.
11. authorized to receive and disburse funds from public or private sources to be used to further the overall development of high technology in Iowa.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of the state of Iowa to be affixed. Done at Des Moines this 13th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred eighty-three.

Robert D. Ray

 GOVERNOR



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 SECRETARY OF STATE