



State of Iowa

Executive Department

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

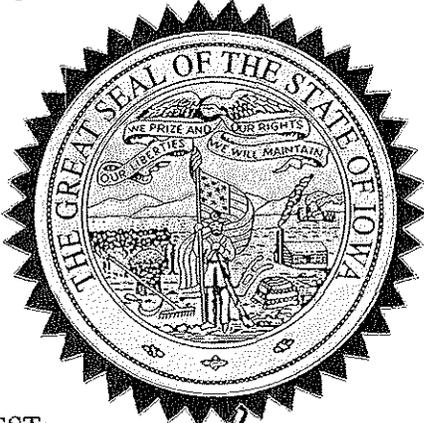
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER FIFTY-ONE

- WHEREAS,** the State of Iowa currently has over 77,000 businesses owned by minorities, women, or persons with disabilities—contributing at least \$8.2 billion in annual sales to our economy; and
- WHEREAS,** the Targeted Small Business (“TSB”) Program was created to promote the growth and development of Iowa businesses owned and operated by minorities, women, and persons with disabilities; and
- WHEREAS,** the task force created in Executive Order 49 to study the TSB program has made recommendations to improve, enhance, and increase the efficacy of the program; and
- WHEREAS,** coordination and communication between state government and businesses owned by minorities, women, or persons with disabilities is critical to the success of the TSB program.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Thomas J. Vilsack, Governor of the State of Iowa, by the power vested in me by the laws and the Constitution of the State of Iowa, do hereby order and direct the establishment of the TARGETED SMALL BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL.

- I. Purpose: The purpose of the TARGETED SMALL BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL is to add citizen and legislative oversight and input into the policy-making decisions regarding the TSB program.
- II. Membership: The TARGETED SMALL BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL shall be comprised of seven citizen members representing constituencies of the TSB program, who shall be appointed by the Governor-Elect as soon as practicable after inauguration. The council shall also include representatives from the Department of Human Rights’ Commissions, including Division of Latino Affairs, Status of African Americans, Status of Women, Status of Asian and Pacific Islanders, and the Division of Persons with Disabilities as well as one representative from each legislative caucus of the Eighty-Second General Assembly.
- III. Activities: The TARGETED SMALL BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL shall meet regularly with representatives of the agencies involved with the TSB program to advise and counsel the State on ways to improve the outreach, procurement, certification, and financial activities of the TSB program.
- IV. Support: The Iowa Department of Economic Development is charged with coordinating and providing administrative support for the TARGETED SMALL BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL.

Nothing in this executive order shall be construed to contravene any applicable state or federal law.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of Iowa to be affixed. Done at Des Moines this 8th day of December, in the year of our Lord two thousand six.


THOMAS J. VILSACK
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


CHESTER J. CULVER
SECRETARY OF STATE