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1. A rebuild Iowa office is created for purposes of coordinating the state activities associated with the rebuilding efforts following the declaration of a disaster area by the president of the United States after May 24, 2008, and before June 30, 2011. The homeland security and emergency management division of the department of public defense shall provide administrative support to the rebuild Iowa office.

2. The rebuild Iowa office shall be administered by an executive director who shall be appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate pursuant to section 2.32. The executive director shall annually compile a comprehensive budget which reflects all fiscal matters related to the operation of the office and each activity of the office in accordance with section 8.23.

3. The rebuild Iowa office shall do all of the following:

- a. Enter into contracts.
- b. Receive intradepartmental and interdepartmental transfers of moneys pursuant to section 8.39.
- c. Perform all other lawful actions consistent with the purposes and duties of the office.
- d. Establish and pursue short-term priorities for recovery and long-term plans for redevelopment.
- e. Establish federal and state goals for the recovery and rebuilding efforts and coordinate such efforts among governmental entities to implement the goals.
- f. Identify funding sources and innovative financing alternatives to adequately fund recovery and redevelopment.
- g. Assist in establishing guidelines for the disbursing of federal moneys.
- h. Establish goals, benchmarks, and objectives by which progress in disaster recovery and long-term reconstruction can be measured. Such goals, benchmarks, and objectives shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following:
 - (1) Measures on returning displaced residents to permanent homes.
 - (2) Progress on economic restoration in disaster areas such as opening or reopening of businesses, employment, and sales tax receipts.
 - (3) Progress on the public purchase of land and accompanying structures both with and without financial assistance from the federal emergency management agency.
 - (4) Progress on natural disaster forecasting, watershed management, and floodplain management.
 - (5) Measures on the expediency of obligation and distribution of federal and state moneys for disaster recovery.
- i. Provide a means for members of the general public, the business community, nonprofit organizations, communities, and other stakeholders to have input regarding the recovery process.
- j. Provide state and local government with guidance for long-term recovery and redevelopment after a disaster.
- k. By January 10, April 10, July 10, and October 10 of each year, as applicable, submit a written report to the governor and the general assembly regarding the activities of the office during the previous three months. The report shall

9 27 include an updated budgetary and financial analysis including
9 28 full-time equivalent positions, and progress in obtaining
9 29 goals, benchmarks, and objectives established pursuant to
9 30 paragraph "h".

9 31 1. By January 1, 2011, submit a written report to the
9 32 governor and the general assembly identifying for
9 33 consideration transition issues for disaster recovery
9 34 assistance due to the elimination of the office on June 30,
9 35 2011.

10 1 4. a. A coordinating council is established to facilitate
10 2 communication between state agencies and the rebuild Iowa
10 3 office. The rebuild Iowa office shall provide staffing for
10 4 the council and the executive director of the rebuild Iowa
10 5 office shall serve as the chairperson. The members of the
10 6 council shall not receive a per diem and shall not be
10 7 reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses while in
10 8 attendance at any meeting of the council and shall not be
10 9 reimbursed for their expenses for going to and from a meeting.
10 10 Legislative members of the commission shall not receive per
10 11 diem or reimbursement for necessary travel and actual expenses
10 12 pursuant to section 2.10 or 2.12.

10 13 b. The council shall consist of the director, or the
10 14 director's designee, of all of the following:

- 10 15 (1) The department of economic development.
- 10 16 (2) The Iowa finance authority.
- 10 17 (3) The department of human services.
- 10 18 (4) The department of education.
- 10 19 (5) The department of cultural affairs.
- 10 20 (6) The college student aid commission.
- 10 21 (7) The department of public health.
- 10 22 (8) The department of workforce development.
- 10 23 (9) The department of public defense, homeland security
10 24 and emergency management division.
- 10 25 (10) The board of regents.
- 10 26 (11) The department of transportation.
- 10 27 (12) The department of natural resources.
- 10 28 (13) The department of management.
- 10 29 (14) The department of elder affairs.
- 10 30 (15) The department of agriculture and land stewardship.
- 10 31 (16) The office of energy independence.
- 10 32 (17) The Iowa utilities board.
- 10 33 (18) One representative of the Iowa league of cities
10 34 appointed by the league.
- 10 35 (19) One representative of the Iowa state association of
11 1 counties appointed by the association.
- 11 2 (20) One representative of a council of governments
11 3 appointed by the governor.
- 11 4 (21) Four members of the general assembly serving as ex
11 5 officio, nonvoting members, one representative to be appointed
11 6 by the speaker of the house of representatives, one
11 7 representative to be appointed by the minority leader of the
11 8 house of representatives, one senator to be appointed by the
11 9 president of the senate after consultation with the majority
11 10 leader of the senate, and one senator to be appointed by the
11 11 minority leader of the senate.

11 12 c. The executive director of the rebuild Iowa office may
11 13 request representation on the council from other state
11 14 agencies.

11 15 5. All state agencies shall, to the greatest extent

11 16 practicable, cooperate with and provide support to the rebuild
11 17 Iowa office.

11 18 6. This section is repealed June 30, 2011.

11 19 Sec. 11. EFFECTIVE AND RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATES.

11 20 This division of this Act, being deemed of immediate
11 21 importance, takes effect upon enactment, applies retroactively
11 22 to June 27, 2008, and applies on and after that date.