Executive Order 2006-04

Establishing The Arizona Data Estimates and Projections Task Force

WHEREAS, Arizona is the second fastest growing state in the nation and requires a state-of-the-art estimate and projections process to measure its population growth and economic vitality; and

WHEREAS, jobs, labor force and income characteristics are crucial factors influencing statewide economic growth; and

WHEREAS, Arizona needs timely, accurate, and useful labor market information to support workforce and economic development goals; and

WHEREAS, Arizona must enhance its population and employment estimates and projections and labor market information to reflect the changing composition of the population and work force;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, hereby order and direct as follows:

1. The Arizona's Data Estimates and Projections Task Force ("ADEPT") is hereby created to enhance the development of accurate population estimates and projections and labor market information in the State.

2. ADEPT shall be comprised of at least ten members, each to be appointed by, and serve without compensation at the pleasure of, the Governor. The Governor shall also appoint a chair. The chair and the Governor shall each have the power to convene the ADEPT.

3. Members of ADEPT may, with the Governor's permission, send designees to serve on the Task Force; provided, however, that such designees shall have been delegated by the member with full authority to vote and otherwise act on behalf of the member.

4. ADEPT's members shall include:

    a. The Director of the Arizona Department of Commerce or designee;
    b. The Director of the Arizona Department of Economic Security or designee;
    c. The Director of the Arizona Department of Housing or designee;
    d. The Director of the Arizona Department of Health Services or designee;
    e. The Director of the Arizona Department of Transportation or designee;
    f. Public members with expertise in demographic estimates and projections, workforce and economic development, regulatory affairs, strategic planning, transportation, taxation, econometric model building, water and environmental affairs, healthcare, state and local government programs and policies, and housing.

5. ADEPT shall perform the following functions:

   a. Evaluate best practices by other states for developing accurate population and employment estimates and projections.
   b. Access population estimates and projection models currently used by entities in Arizona.
   c. Evaluate expanding current employment estimates to include estimates of income and labor capacity and creating employment projections consistent with the population projections.
   d. Evaluate best practices by other states for access to and utilization of labor market information.
   e. Make recommendations to enhance the estimates and projections process.
   f. Make recommendations to enhance access to and utilization of labor market information.

6. ADEPT shall prepare for the Governor a preliminary report of its activities by December 31, 2006, and shall report thereafter on an annual basis.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Arizona.

GOVERNOR

Done at the Capitol in Phoenix on this 8th day of February in the Year Two Thousand and Six and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirtieth.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer

SECRETARY OF STATE