EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 79

Providing for the Implementation of the "Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1973"

I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable statutes, hereby issue this Executive Order:

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1973 (CETA), Public Law 93-203, establishes a new decentralized Federal, State and local system of manpower programs that provide job training, employment opportunities, education and other services for economically disadvantaged, unemployed and underemployed persons, and,

WHEREAS, CETA requires the Governor to coordinate prime sponsor and State agency manpower policy, plans and services throughout the State and act as prime sponsor for planning and delivery of manpower and related services in the "Balance of State" area not under the jurisdiction of other Federally-designated prime sponsors in the State, and,

WHEREAS, by definition, the term "manpower" includes training and educational programs and supportive services aimed at increasing the skills and employment opportunities for unemployed and underemployed persons, and,

WHEREAS, manpower programs provide skill training, rehabilitation, transitional employment experience, job placement and related child care, social and health services, and,

WHEREAS, it is vital that State and local agencies closely coordinate their efforts to develop plans which meet the locally determined needs, recommend meaningful programs to alleviate employment problems, reduce duplication and gaps in manpower services, and effectively and economically utilize State and Federal manpower funds, and,
WHEREAS, employment and training programs need to be integrated with all human services, and,

WHEREAS, it is required by CETA to establish a State Manpower Council and a Balance of State Prime Sponsor Manpower Advisory Board made up of representatives of program and agency sponsors, business, labor, community-based organizations, clients and the general public to advise on comprehensive manpower plans and services and administer CETA funds:

NOW, THEREFORE, I order:

1. The formation of the State Manpower Council.

   a. This Council will be composed of representatives of local government and other Federally-designated prime sponsors; State Department of Employment Services, Board of Vocational Education, State Economic Opportunity Office, Department of Economic Development and the State Planning Agency, and representatives of business, labor, community-based organizations, the client community and general public.

   b. Prime sponsor representatives will make up one-third of the Council and shall be designated by the chief elected official in the prime sponsor jurisdiction and appointed by the Governor. All other members, including the Chairperson, serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

   c. The duties of the Council include: advising the Governor, prime sponsors, and the public on Statewide manpower policy; coordinating State agency and prime sponsor manpower plans; monitoring State agency and prime sponsor programs and services, and preparing an annual manpower report to the Governor.
d. The Council shall meet at least quarterly and operate according to procedures recommended by the Chairperson and approved by the Governor.

2. The formation of a Balance of State Manpower Advisory Board to advise the Governor on comprehensive manpower plans, policies and employment and training needs in the "Balance of State" area not under the jurisdiction of other Federally-designated prime sponsors.

3. The formation of Regional Manpower Advisory Committees for each of the Economic Development Regions under the "Balance of State" jurisdiction to serve as a planning advisory and coordination link between the "Balance of State" regions and the Governor's Manpower Office. The Regional Manpower Advisory Committees shall be formed under the auspices of Regional Development Commissions (RDCs) either initially or at such times the RDC shall elect. In Regions where a RDC is not operational to the extent required to utilize Regional Manpower Advisory Committees, the same shall be established by the Balance of State Prime Sponsor and serve until the RDC elects to include them under its auspices.

4. The establishment of a Governor's Manpower Office directed by an Executive Director appointed by, and reporting to, the Governor. This office will: provide the staff support to the councils and regional committees formed above; prepare the fiscal year Balance of State Comprehensive Manpower Plan; develop Statewide manpower policy; coordinate manpower-related State agency plans and services with prime sponsors; and be the sole office for administering provisions of CETA on behalf of the Governor.
5. All State departments and agencies cooperate with the councils, committees and offices formed and established in this Executive Order.

This Order shall supersede Executive Order Number 50 dated November 29, 1972, and shall be effective on the date of signature.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand on this twentieth day of March, 1974.

Wendell R. Anderson

Filed according to Law:

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