EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 159

Providing for the establishment of the Governor's Council on Employment and Training and Repealing Executive Orders 79 and 79A

I, Rudy Perpich, 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, established a 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 coordination of prime sponsor and State agency manpower policy, plans and services throughout the State and for the State to act as prime sponsor for the 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 economically disadvantaged, 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 Services Council 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 the administration of CETA funds:
NOW, THEREFORE, I order:

1. The formation of the Governor's Council on Employment and Training.
   
a. This Council will be composed of representatives of Federally-designated CETA Title I prime sponsors, State Department of Economic Security, State Advisory Council on Vocational Education, State Board of Vocational Education, and representatives of other state agencies, business, labor, community-based organizations, the client community, related boards and councils and the general public.

b. Prime sponsor representatives shall make up at least one-third of the Council and shall be designated by the chief elected or executive 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 employment and training policy; reviewing employment and training plans of each prime sponsor and appropriate state agencies and making comments and recommendations thereon for the purpose of coordinating State agency and
prime sponsor employment and training programs; monitoring State agency and prime sponsor programs and services; preparing an annual report to the Governor; and consulting with the State Advisory Council on Vocational Education to identify the employment and training vocational education needs in Minnesota and to assess the extent to which employment training, vocational education, vocational rehabilitation and other programs represent a consistent, integrated and coordinated approach to meeting such needs.

d. The Council shall meet at least quarterly and shall be authorized to determine its operating procedures in accordance with State and Federal statutes and regulations.

2. All state departments and agencies shall cooperate with the council established in this Executive Order.

This Order shall supersede paragraphs one through three and paragraph five of Executive Order No. 79, dated March 20, 1974, executed by Governor Wendell R. Anderson, providing for the implementation of the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1973, and an Executive Order dated May 20, 1976, executed by Governor Wendell R. Anderson, amending Executive Order No. 79.

This Order is effective 15 days after publication in the State Register and shall remain in effect until rescinded by the proper authority.
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand on this 31st day of October, 1977.

Rudy Perpich, Governor

Filed According to Law:

Joan Anderson Growe
Secretary of State