Executive Order 2008-16

Governor's Council on Small Business
(Supercedes Executive Order 2004-12)

WHEREAS, there are over 400,000 small businesses in the State of Arizona; and

WHEREAS, most of the job growth in the State of Arizona is occurring in small businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Department of Commerce provides services to small business enterprises and entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, Arizona small businesses are highly valued and recognized as a foundation of the economy of the State;

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

1. There is hereby established a Governor's Council on Small Business (the "Council").

2. The Council shall be comprised of no more than twenty members, who shall be appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of the Governor, without compensation. To the extent practical, they shall include the following:

    a. The Director of the Arizona Department of Commerce, who shall serve as the Governor's designee;

    b. Members of the small business community; and

    c. Members who represent the geographic diversity of the State of Arizona.

3. Each year, beginning January 2008, the Governor shall appoint a chairperson for the Council.

4. Member of the Council, may, with the Governor's permission, send designees to serve on the Council; 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.

5. With the approval of the Governor, the Council may form an Executive Committee and other committees as deemed appropriate.

6. The Council shall have duties and responsibilities, including but not limited to, the following:

    a. Provide a forum for Arizona's small business community to bring concerns and recommendations to the Governor;

    b. Convey information and responses from the Governor to the small business community;

    c. Examine and evaluate the impact of state regulation, legislation, and administrative processes on small businesses in Arizona;

d. Identify and recommend to the Governor opportunities to promote the prosperity of small businesses; and

7. The Council shall meet to conduct its affairs at least four (4) times each year.

8. The Council may host town hall meetings each year to solicit concerns and recommendations from small business owners at various locations across the state.

9. The Council shall report issues and recommendations voiced by small business owners to the Governor after each town hall meeting.

10. The Council shall submit an annual report of its activities to the Governor by December 31 of each year.

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

Jan Napolitano
GOVERNOR

DONE, at the Capitol in Phoenix this 14 day of March in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-Second.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
SECRETARY OF STATE