

Governor's Commission on Economic Development and Jobs Creation

With his first Executive Order, Governor McDonnell established the Governor's Economic Development and Job Creation Commission. In regards to the importance of the issue, the Executive Order states:



"Economic opportunity and free enterprise is the bedrock of a stable and prosperous Commonwealth. Virginia is home to abundant resources, fiscal responsibility and boundless human potential, and the entrepreneurial spirit is evident throughout this great Commonwealth. However, in light of the unprecedented economic difficulties facing Virginia families and business, the unacceptable high unemployment rate, and the ever increasing competitiveness of the global economy, bold and innovative ideas are necessary for the Commonwealth to address this significant challenge."

Responsibilities of Governor's Economic Development and Jobs Creation Commission

1. Identify impediments to and opportunities for job creation;
2. Review how other states and foreign countries are attracting jobs and how Virginia could replicate and improve upon those initiatives;
3. Review the agencies' role in job creation and make recommendations on how those efforts can be better coordinated to ensure unparalleled efficiency and effectiveness;
4. Make recommendations on new investments and changes to the tax and regulatory environment in the Commonwealth to maintain and increase the Commonwealth's standing as the best place to do business in the United State of America;
5. Evaluate the current programs and investments designed to develop the workforce and attract and retain businesses in Virginia, and make recommendations on their effectiveness and need for improvement; and
6. Assist the Cabinet and the Virginia Economic Development Partnership to identify and target industries and businesses to recruit to Virginia.

Subcommittees of Commission

1. Business Development
2. Economically Depressed
3. Energy
4. Manufacturing
5. Recruitment
6. Small Business
7. Technology
8. Tourism
9. Workforce Development