

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

the selection of architects and engineers to perform these services be what is in the best interests of the State; and

WHEREAS, To achieve these goals, it is necessary that the selection process be open and public, and free from even the appearance of improper interference; and

WHEREAS, I previously directed the Secretary of Transportation to study the present procedures and methods used to select architects and engineers for capital projects undertaken by the Department of Transportation, and to recommend such improvements thereto as will achieve these objectives; and

WHEREAS, On October 1, 1973, I appointed a Task Force, headed by Dr. Abel Wolman, Professor Emeritus of Sanitary Engineering at the Johns Hopkins University, to review the present procedures and methods used to select architects and engineers for capital projects undertaken by all State agencies, as well as the procedures and methods used by the Federal Government and other States, and to recommend such improvements in the State's procedures and methods as will achieve these objectives; and

WHEREAS, I received the Report and Recommendation of both the Secretary of Transportation and the Task Force on December 18, 1973; and

WHEREAS, Both Reports, although stating that the present procedures and methods were generally good, agreed that certain improvements could be made to achieve better the aforementioned objectives; and

WHEREAS, Because such vast sums are expended for architectural and engineering services, and because of the important public interest in seeing to it that there is no delay in implementing the recommended improvements, it is desirable to effectuate and implement by executive action those of the recommendations which do not require legislative action; and

WHEREAS, The heart of the recommendations made both by the Secretary of Transportation and the Task Force is the creation of two Professional Service Selection Boards, one for the Department of Transportation, and one for all other State agencies, principally the Department of General Services, and the assignment of certain functions, powers, and responsibilities to them in the selection of architects and engineers; and