

(3) "Minority person" means one who is a social or economically disadvantaged person. The disadvantage may arise from cultural, racial, chronic economic circumstances of background, or other similar causes. "Minority person" includes, but is not limited to, Negroes, females, Puerto Ricans, Spanish speaking Americans, American Indians, Eskimos, Aleuts, Orientals, and handicapped sheltered oriented workshops.

(b) There is an Office of Minority Business Enterprise within the Department of Economic and Community Development.

(c) The Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint a Director of this office who shall carry out the various State and federal programs created to foster growth and participation in minority business.

(d) The Office of Minority Business Enterprise, through the Director, shall:

(1) Promote and coordinate plans, programs, and program objectives, and operations of the State government which affect or may contribute to the establishment, preservation, and strengthening of minority business enterprise.

(2) Promote the mobilization of activities and resources of State and local governments, businesses, and trade associations, universities, foundations, professional organizations, and volunteer and other groups, towards the growth of minority business enterprises, and coordinate the efforts of these groups with those of State government, local and federal agencies.

(3) Establish a system for the development, collection, summarization, and dissemination of information to assist persons and organizations of the State in undertaking or promoting the establishment and successful operation of minority business enterprises.

(4) Within constraints of law and availability of funds, provide technical and management assistance to minority business enterprises; provide the managerial and organizational framework through which joint or collaborative undertakings with State agencies or private organizations can be planned and implemented; and defray all or part of the costs of pilot or demonstration projects which are designed to overcome the special problems of minority business enterprises.]

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(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING TERMS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

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