

(4) Encourage formation of local and sectional development committees and cooperate with local civic groups and other local, State and federal development agencies[.];

(5) Disseminate information in the interest of industrial development in this State, by publication, advertising and other means[.];

(6) Collect and assemble information and data available from other State agencies and departments[.]; AND

(7) ADMINISTER THOSE PROGRAMS DESIGNATED BY THE SECRETARY.

[11-204.] 2-104.

So far as may be practicable in performance of its duties in connection with collection and assembling of information, the Division shall make use of pertinent data secured from the boards, commissions, agencies and institutions of this State. The Division shall have access to all records, data, information and statistics of such other boards, commissions, agencies and institutions except records or information required by law to be confidential and secret.

[11-205.] 2-105.

In the performance of his duties, the Director, subject to the approval of the Secretary [of Economic and Community Development], is hereby authorized and empowered to make and enter into contracts, and to assume such other functions as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this subtitle that are not inconsistent with this or other acts. The Director, subject to approval of the Secretary [of Economic and Community Development], may make and enter into contracts with other boards, commissions, agencies and institutions of this State or other states, upon such terms as may be mutually agreed upon, to have such studies and research activities conducted as may be necessary and proper, and is authorized to pay the cost thereof out of funds which may be appropriated to the Division.

[11-206.] 2-106.

The Division is empowered to employ such employees as its business may require within limits of its appropriation, subject to the provisions of Article 64A of this Code.

[11-207.] 2-107.

(a) There is an Office of International Trade within the Department [of Economic and Community Development] to promote the development of international trade activities and opportunities for the citizens of this State.