

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

(6) ASSIST BUSINESSES IN THE AREAS OF TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT AND COMMERCIALIZATION, SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTIVITY, MANUFACTURING MODERNIZATION, AND DEFENSE CONVERSION;

(7) SERVE AS OMBUDSMEN FOR BUSINESSES AFFECTED BY STATE POLICIES AND PROGRAMS;

(8) COORDINATE BUSINESS ASSISTANCE SERVICE DELIVERY TO INDIVIDUAL COMPANIES;

(9) LINK GROUPS OF BUSINESSES TO ADDRESS REGIONAL AND INDUSTRY SPECIFIC NEEDS;

(10) BROKER INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND ENTREPRENEURIAL SERVICES THAT ENHANCE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS WITH BUSINESSES, NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, PROFESSIONAL GROUPS, LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ENTITIES, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS;

(11) ASSIST IN DEVELOPING AND CONDUCTING REGIONAL STRATEGIC PLANNING AND COORDINATING STATE INVESTMENTS WITH REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ENTITIES;

[(6)](12) Collect and assemble information and data available from other state agencies and departments; [and]

(13) MONITOR ECONOMIC CONDITIONS, RELEASE REPORTS, AND MAINTAIN INTER-INDUSTRY MODELS OF STATE REGULATIONS AND LOCAL ECONOMIES; ~~AND~~

(14) UTILIZE THE RESOURCES OF THE STATE'S COMMUNITY COLLEGES, AS THE OFFICE DEEMS APPROPRIATE, TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN THE DELIVERY OF SERVICES; AND

[(7)](14) (15) Administer those programs ASSIGNED TO THE OFFICE BY LAW OR designated by the Secretary.

[2-102.] 3-203.

The Secretary, with the approval of the Governor, shall appoint a Director of the [Division of Business Development] OFFICE. The Director shall hold office at the Secretary's pleasure [. He] AND may be removed by the Secretary, with the approval of the Governor. Any such removal by the Secretary is final and is not subject to any appeal. The Director shall be selected because of [his] known experience and interest in the development of natural resources and industrial and business opportunities. The Director shall operate this [Division] OFFICE under the direction of the Secretary in accordance with the provisions of the law relating to establishment of the Department.

[2-105.] 3-204.