

- (3) ENCOURAGE FORMATION OF LOCAL AND SECTIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEES AND COOPERATE WITH LOCAL CIVIC GROUPS AND OTHER LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL DEVELOPMENT UNITS;
- (4) DISSEMINATE INFORMATION IN THE INTEREST OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE STATE, BY PUBLICATION, ADVERTISING, AND OTHER MEANS;
- (5) ASSIST BUSINESSES IN THE AREAS OF TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT AND COMMERCIALIZATION, SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTIVITY, MANUFACTURING MODERNIZATION, AND DEFENSE CONVERSION;
- (6) SERVE AS AN OMBUDSMAN FOR BUSINESSES AFFECTED BY STATE POLICIES AND PROGRAMS;
- (7) COORDINATE BUSINESS ASSISTANCE SERVICE DELIVERY TO INDIVIDUAL COMPANIES;
- (8) LINK GROUPS OF BUSINESSES TO ADDRESS REGIONAL AND INDUSTRY SPECIFIC NEEDS;
- (9) BROKER INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND ENTREPRENEURIAL SERVICES THAT ENHANCE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS WITH BUSINESSES, NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, PROFESSIONAL GROUPS, LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ENTITIES, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS;
- (10) ASSIST IN DEVELOPING AND CONDUCTING REGIONAL STRATEGIC PLANNING AND COORDINATING STATE INVESTMENTS WITH REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ENTITIES;
- (11) COLLECT AND ASSEMBLE INFORMATION AND DATA AVAILABLE FROM OTHER STATE UNITS;
- (12) MONITOR ECONOMIC CONDITIONS, RELEASE REPORTS, AND MAINTAIN INTERINDUSTRY MODELS OF STATE REGULATIONS AND LOCAL ECONOMIES;
- (13) USE COMMUNITY COLLEGES IN THE STATE TO HELP DELIVER SERVICES;
- (14) ADMINISTER THE PROGRAMS IN THE DEPARTMENT; AND
- (15) COORDINATE ITS EFFORTS AND ACTIVITIES WITH THE APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING COUNCIL AND APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 83A, §§ 3-201 and 3-601.

In items (3) and (11) of this section, the references to "units" are substituted for the former reference to "agencies" and "departments" for consistency within this article. See General Revisor's Note to article.

In item (14) of this section, the reference to programs "in the Department" is substituted for the former reference to programs "assigned to the Department by law or designated by the Secretary" for brevity.