

# **GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF REGULATORY REFORM**

## **MISSION**

The Governor's Office of Regulatory Reform was restructured in 1995 and charged with the promotion of private sector job growth in New York through the review and reform of State regulations. The Office creates a positive climate for job growth by reviewing and streamlining regulations, expediting regulatory approval and improving attitudes of regulators toward affected parties. Since 1995, the Office has substantively reviewed and/or eliminated over 1,800 rules which, together with other regulatory, statutory and permitting reforms, has saved State businesses and localities \$2.9 billion in operating and other expenses.

## **ORGANIZATION AND STAFFING**

Led by a Director appointed by the Governor, the Office is located in Albany. Agency objectives are achieved through its Business Permits Assistance and Regulatory Review programs. The Office will have a workforce of 43 positions for 2001-02.

## **FISCAL BACKGROUND AND BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS**

The Office's operations are supported by State tax dollars from the General Fund. The Executive Budget recommends \$4.1 million in support for the Office to maintain current efforts to streamline the State's regulatory process. Recommended funding also supports the continued development of the Online Permit and Licensing System (OPAL) that will allow businesses to apply for permits and licenses in one consolidated transaction and improve New York's business climate.

## **PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

### **REGULATORY REVIEW**

The Office reviews the need for proposed new and revised regulations and their economic impact. Staff continue efforts begun in 1995 to review all existing State agency regulations to identify those hampering the growth of business and jobs in New York State. The Office requires regulating agencies to analyze the costs and benefits of any proposed new or amended rule and to consider its effect on job creation and retention, public health, safety and welfare. Recommendations are also made to agencies to help them simplify their regulatory processes. The Office has also played a key role in the innovative SEMI-NY, BUILDNOW-NY and RE-BUILDNOW-NY programs to facilitate economic development.

### **BUSINESS PERMITS ASSISTANCE**

The Business Permits Assistance program provides comprehensive information about permits required to operate businesses in New York State, in addition to consulting with local governments to better coordinate local permit applications. Program staff also assist agencies in streamlining and simplifying permit procedures required for business and local government undertakings. Since 1995, this program has provided assistance to almost 250,000 individuals or firms interested in starting or growing a business in New York. This effort was facilitated by the development in 1995 of a master application form

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for complex business ventures, a comprehensive permit reform program in 1997 and development of a web site, www.nys-permits.org, which provides businesses with permit information.

### ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

<u>Category</u>	<u>Available 2000-01</u>	<u>Appropriations Recommended 2001-02</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Reappropriations Recommended 2001-02</u>
State Operations	3,300,300	4,093,000	792,700	0
Aid To Localities	0	0	0	0
Capital Projects	0	0	0	0
Total	<u>3,300,300</u>	<u>4,093,000</u>	<u>792,700</u>	<u>0</u>

### ALL FUND TYPES PROJECTED LEVELS OF EMPLOYMENT BY PROGRAM FILLED ANNUAL SALARIED POSITIONS

#### Full-Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)

<u>Program</u>	<u>2000-01 Estimated FTEs 03/31/01</u>	<u>2001-02 Estimated FTEs 03/31/02</u>	<u>FTE Change</u>
Administration			
General Fund	40	43	3
Total	<u>40</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>3</u>

### STATE OPERATIONS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Available 2000-01</u>	<u>Recommended 2001-02</u>	<u>Change</u>
General Fund	3,300,300	4,093,000	792,700
Total	<u>3,300,300</u>	<u>4,093,000</u>	<u>792,700</u>
Adjustments:			
Transfer(s) From			
Special Pay Bill			
General Fund	(191,000)		
Appropriated 2000-01	<u>3,109,300</u>		

### STATE OPERATIONS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

<u>Program</u>	<u>Available 2000-01</u>	<u>Recommended 2001-02</u>	<u>Change</u>
Administration			
General Fund	3,300,300	4,093,000	792,700
Total	<u>3,300,300</u>	<u>4,093,000</u>	<u>792,700</u>

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**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND  
SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES  
2001-02 RECOMMENDED  
(dollars)**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Total Personal Service</b>		<b>Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)</b>	
	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Change</b>
Administration	2,661,000	258,900	2,656,000	258,600
Total	<u>2,661,000</u>	<u>258,900</u>	<u>2,656,000</u>	<u>258,600</u>

<b>Program</b>	<b>Holiday/Overtime Pay (Annual Salaried)</b>	
	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Change</b>
Administration	5,000	300
Total	<u>5,000</u>	<u>300</u>

**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND  
SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED  
APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES  
2001-02 RECOMMENDED  
(dollars)**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Total Nonpersonal Service</b>		<b>Supplies and Materials</b>	
	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Change</b>
Administration	1,432,000	533,800	51,000	2,000
Total	<u>1,432,000</u>	<u>533,800</u>	<u>51,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>

<b>Program</b>	<b>Travel</b>		<b>Contractual Services</b>	
	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Change</b>
Administration	50,000	500	1,150,000	594,450
Total	<u>50,000</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>1,150,000</u>	<u>594,450</u>

<b>Program</b>	<b>Equipment</b>	
	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Change</b>
Administration	181,000	(63,150)
Total	<u>181,000</u>	<u>(63,150)</u>