

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 those affected by State regulations. Since 1994-95, the Office has substantively reviewed and/or eliminated nearly 1,300 rules which, together with other regulatory, statutory and permitting reforms, has saved the State's businesses \$1.7 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 38 positions for 1999-2000.

FISCAL BACKGROUND AND BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The Office's operations are supported by State tax dollars from the General Fund. The Executive Budget recommends \$2.5 million in support for the Office to maintain its current effort to streamline the State's regulatory process. The recommended funding will also support a sophisticated database, which provides businesses with comprehensive information on the permits related to starting or expanding a business.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

REGULATORY REVIEW

The Office reviews both the need for proposed new and revised regulations and their economic impact. Staff are continuing efforts begun in 1994-95 to review all existing State agency regulations to identify those that hamper 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 the effect of the regulatory change on job creation and retention, public health, safety and welfare. Recommendations are also made to agencies to help them simplify their regulatory processes.

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. This program has provided assistance since 1994 to almost 200,000 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 for complex business ventures and a comprehensive permit reform program in 1997 which already is expected to generate over \$50 million in savings to New York businesses.

REGULATORY REFORM

ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS

Category	Available	Appropriations	Change	Reappropriations
	1998-99	Recommended 1999-00		Recommended 1999-00
State Operations	\$2,743,300	\$2,468,800	-\$274,500	. . . .
Aid To Localities . . . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .
Capital Projects . . . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .
Total	<u>\$2,743,300</u>	<u>\$2,468,800</u>	<u>-\$274,500</u>	<u>. . . .</u>

ALL FUND TYPES LEVELS OF EMPLOYMENT BY PROGRAM ANNUAL SALARIED POSITIONS

Program	Available 1998-99	1999-00 Recommended Average Fill Level			Change
		Personal Service (Regular)	Maintenance Undistributed	Total Recommended 1999-00	
Administration General Fund	38	38	. . . .	38	. . . .
Total	<u>38</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>. . . .</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>. . . .</u>

STATE OPERATIONS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE APPROPRIATIONS

Fund Type	Available 1998-99	Recommended 1999-00	Change
General Fund	\$2,743,300	\$2,468,800	-\$274,500
Total	<u>\$2,743,300</u>	<u>\$2,468,800</u>	<u>-\$274,500</u>

STATE OPERATIONS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS

Program	Available 1998-99	Recommended 1999-00	Change
Administration General Fund	\$2,743,300	\$2,468,800	-\$274,500
Total	<u>\$2,743,300</u>	<u>\$2,468,800</u>	<u>-\$274,500</u>

STATE OPERATIONS — GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 1999-00 RECOMMENDED

Program	Total Personal Service		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)		Holiday/Overtime Pay (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	\$2,074,100	+ \$114,000	\$2,069,400	+ \$113,900	\$4,700	+ \$100
Total	<u>\$2,074,100</u>	<u>+ \$114,000</u>	<u>\$2,069,400</u>	<u>+ \$113,900</u>	<u>\$4,700</u>	<u>+ \$100</u>

**STATE OPERATIONS — GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED
APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
1999-00 RECOMMENDED**

<u>Program</u>	<u>Amount</u>	Total <u>Change</u>	Supplies and Materials <u>Amount</u>	<u>Change</u>
Administration	\$394,700	-\$388,500	\$51,500	+ \$1,500
Total	<u>\$394,700</u>	<u>-\$388,500</u>	<u>\$51,500</u>	<u>+ \$1,500</u>

<u>Program</u>	<u>Amount</u>	Travel <u>Change</u>	Contractual Services <u>Amount</u>	<u>Change</u>
Administration	\$51,500	+ \$1,500	\$190,550	-\$394,450
Total	<u>\$51,500</u>	<u>+ \$1,500</u>	<u>\$190,550</u>	<u>-\$394,450</u>

<u>Program</u>	<u>Amount</u>	Equipment <u>Change</u>
Administration	\$101,150	+ \$2,950
Total	<u>\$101,150</u>	<u>+ \$2,950</u>