

Office of the Governor

**STATE OF WYOMING
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
EXECUTIVE ORDER**

**Order 2009-1
(Replaces Executive Order 1998-1)**

WYOMING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

WHEREAS, Executive Order 1998-1, was issued on January 14, 1998, concerning the Wyoming Workforce Development Council; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 1998-1 requires modification, and will therefore be rescinded and replaced by this new Executive Order 2009-1; and

WHEREAS, Title I of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 provides for the appointment of a State and local workforce investment board by the Governor.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Wyoming and the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, I, Dave Freudenthal, Governor of the State of Wyoming, do hereby issue this Executive Order.

Executive Order 1998-1 is rescinded effective February 12, 2009.

Section 1. Membership.

(a) The Wyoming Workforce Development Council membership shall be composed as follows:

(i) Representatives of businesses and industries having a major impact of the State's economy and employment;

(ii) Representatives of labor;

(iii) Representative of local education;

(iv) Representative of local economic development;

(v) Representative of the University of Wyoming;

- (vi) Representative of a community based organization;
- (vii) Director of the Department of Workforce Services;
- (viii) Superintendent of Public Instruction or designee;
- (ix) Director of the Department of Employment;
- (x) Director of the Department of Family Services;
- (xi) Chief Executive Officer of the Wyoming Business Council; and
- (xii) Executive Director of the Community College Commission.
- (xiii) President of a Wyoming community college.

(c) All members of the Workforce Development Council shall be appointed by the Governor except the two members of each chamber of the Wyoming State Legislature who shall be appointed by the appropriate presiding officers of each chamber.

(d) Fifty-one percent or greater of the membership shall be representatives of business and industry in the state. In order to qualify as a business representative, an individual must be an owner, chief executive, chief operating officer, or other executive who has a substantial management of policy responsibility of a private-for-profit entity or non-governmental entity.

(e) Representatives of other organizations not previously mentioned may be appointed to the Council consistent with the provisions of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998.

Section 2. Duties. The Wyoming Workforce Development Council is hereby authorized to perform, but is not limited to, the following duties and functions:

(a) Perform the duties required of the state and local workforce investment board by the Workforce Investment Act of 1998;

(b) Oversee the creation of a strategic plan for the development of Wyoming's workforce with a vision towards ensuring that Wyoming is a state with a strong and growing economy populated by educated, economically self-sufficient people who enjoy a high quality of life;

(c) Guide the development of a comprehensive and coordinated workforce development system for the state and monitor its operation;

(d) Review and make recommendations that will align the workforce system, including education and economic development goals for the purpose of creating systems that are integrated and provide Wyoming a competitive advantage in the global economy;

(e) Identify the workforce investment needs of Wyoming business and industry, together with citizens of the state, so that each might respond to and meet the needs of the others and thus together build a robust, diversified economy;

(f) Review and evaluate workforce development programs within the state, formulate recommendations to increase their efficiency and effectiveness, eliminate duplication, and align with economic goals. Recommendations shall be communicated to the Governor, Legislature, state and federal government agencies and appropriate individuals and entities within the private sector;

(g) Increase academic capability and technical skills within the state workforce and foster lifelong learning among Wyoming's citizens;

(h) Strengthen collaboration among institutions which provide education and training services, government agencies which coordinate employment and other human resource investment activities, and businesses and industries to create a seamless system to nurture healthy economic development;

(i) Establish policies and procedures for the conduct of Council business; and

(j) Prepare and approve a budget for itself.

Section 3. The Department of Workforce Services is hereby charged with the responsibility of providing staff and administrative services to the Wyoming Workforce Development Council. Further, all State agencies are directed to cooperate with the Council.

This Executive Order is effective February 12, 2009.

Given under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Wyoming this 12th day of February 2009.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dave Freudenthal", is written over a horizontal line.

Dave Freudenthal
Governor