

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 78

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 3 (2010) created the bipartisan Red Tape Review Group, chaired by Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno, to review certain rules, regulations, and processes that are a burden on New Jersey's economy; and

WHEREAS, on April 19, 2010, the Red Tape Review Group issued its Findings and Recommendations and encouraged the development of a revised State Plan that aligns key principles with State agency rules and local master plans using the Business Action Center ("BAC") and the Office for Planning Advocacy ("OPA") to facilitate these priorities; and

WHEREAS, using State planning as a tool to align all levels of government behind a shared vision for future growth and preservation will focus capital spending and better coordinate New Jersey's planning; and

WHEREAS, the goals of a new State Plan include the alignment of State government to ensure effective resource allocation, coordination, cooperation, and communication among those who play a role in economic and physical growth in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, consistent with these goals, the Red Tape Review Group's Findings and Recommendations for greater efficiencies and coordination and, as authorized under the State Planning Act (N.J.S.A. § 52:18A-196, *et seq.*), the State Planning Commission ("SPC") should consider as part of the approval process for review and revision of the State Development & Redevelopment Plan (the "State Plan") a revised draft entitled "State Strategic Plan: NJ's State Development and Redevelopment Plan"; and

WHEREAS, after the SPC adopts a new State Plan, the Executive Branch has the responsibility to lead this coordination and drive the State's implementation of the new State Plan, thereby reducing onerous and burdensome red tape, improving efficiency, and strategically spurring targeted economic growth;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the Statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. The creation of a State Strategic Plan Steering Committee ("Steering Committee") to work closely with the SPC and OPA to ensure that relevant State departments and agencies incorporate the goals, objectives, and values of a new SPC-adopted State Plan into Department Strategic Plans, as hereinafter discussed, and relevant regulations, programs, policies, and operations.

2. The Steering Committee shall:

a. Consist of the following cabinet members or their designees: the Secretary of Agriculture; the President of the Board of Public Utilities; the State Treasurer; the Secretary of State; the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs; the Commissioner of the Department of Education; the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection; the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation; and the following non-cabinet members or their designees: the Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy and Planning in the Office of the Governor; the Executive Director of New Jersey Transit; the Executive Director of the New Jersey Economic Development

Authority; and any other member determined by the Governor in the future;

b. Be chaired by the Lieutenant Governor ("Chairperson"), who shall be supported primarily by OPA staff and, as necessary, other State department and/or agency staff;

c. Have the following responsibilities and duties:

i. Provide support and guidance for the creation, development, and implementation of "Department Strategic Plans" by departments and/or agencies impacted by the State planning process and a new State Plan ("Impacted Departments"), and advise whether Department Strategic Plans are consistent with both a new State Plan and Department Strategic Plans of other Impacted Departments;

ii. Identify and advise whether relevant existing State funding is available to support priority State and local government actions consistent with the goals, objectives, and values identified and enumerated in a new State Plan;

iii. Serve as an inter-agency venue for agencies to address department-level conflicts in policies or practices that impact implementation of strategies identified and enumerated in a new State Plan or agreed upon actions of another Department Strategic Plan;

iv. Suggest methods to provide guidance and support for inter-agency cooperation and collaboration on specific issues of Statewide importance.

3. Each Steering Committee member shall identify a liaison that shall, on behalf of his or her department:

a. Consult with the Steering Committee on Impacted Departments' implementation of Department Strategic Plans that, to the extent feasible and practicable, align the actions,

regulations, programs, policies, and operations in accordance with a new State Plan and the guidance offered by the Steering Committee;

b. Consult with the Steering Committee to align relevant existing funding for supporting local government and public projects that best meet the goals, objectives, and values identified and enumerated in a new State Plan;

c. Participate in working groups and/or mediation sessions to address issues related to implementing a new State Plan; and

d. Prior to the adoption, amendment, or repeal of any rule adopted pursuant to Section 4(a) of the Administrative Procedure Act (N.J.S.A. § 52:14B, *et seq.*), and in conjunction with existing procedures for the review of rules proposals and adoptions, work closely with the Steering Committee and the OPA to assess the impact of the proposed rule on the goals and principles of a new State Plan.

4. Executive Order No. 4 (2002) is hereby rescinded.

5. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this  
19<sup>th</sup> day of October,  
Two Thousand and Eleven,  
and of the Independence of  
the United States, the Two  
Hundred and Thirty-Sixth.

/s/ Chris Christie

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Jeffrey S. Chiesa

Chief Counsel to the Governor