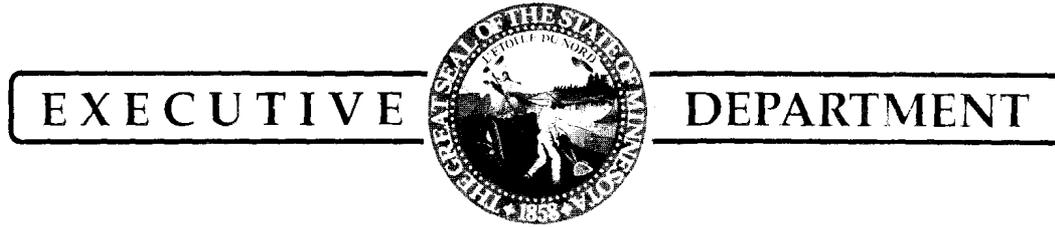


STATE of MINNESOTA



TIM PAWLNTY
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER 09-02

DIRECTING COMMISSIONERS TO IDENTIFY POTENTIAL COOPERATIVE SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS WITH WISCONSIN STATE AGENCIES

I, TIM PAWLNTY, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Minnesota Constitution and applicable statutes, do hereby issue this Executive Order:

WHEREAS, the states of Minnesota and Wisconsin enjoy many similarities, including commonalities in governmental programs and the operation of state government services; and

WHEREAS, residents and businesses in Minnesota and Wisconsin are currently experiencing difficult economic times; and

WHEREAS, the States of Minnesota and Wisconsin anticipate multi-billion dollar budget shortfalls and face similar challenges meeting demands for state services with limited revenues; and

WHEREAS, the magnitude of the current fiscal situation requires Minnesota and Wisconsin to identify and explore creative opportunities to make the operation of state government and the provision of state government services more efficient and cost-effective; and

WHEREAS, the Governors of Minnesota and Wisconsin have agreed that cooperative arrangements between the agencies of each state could result in significant improvements to the delivery and cost-effectiveness of state services, and have agreed to direct their state agencies to work together to identify the specific areas to implement cooperative service arrangements.

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby order:

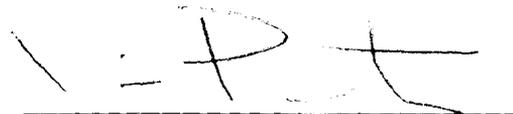
1. Each Commissioner is directed to meet with their counterpart within Wisconsin state government to identify specific activities, programs, and services within the agency for potential cooperative service arrangements.

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2. The identification of potential cooperative service arrangements is intended to be an initial step in the process, and Commissioners are directed to be creative and flexible in their approach and to identify the maximum number of potential areas for further review and consideration.
3. No later than February 27, 2009, each Commissioner must provide the Governor with a report of the results of their cooperative work with their Wisconsin counterparts. The report must identify the specific activities, programs and services currently provided by the Minnesota or Wisconsin state agencies that could be made more efficient or cost effective through a cooperative service arrangement.
4. The Commissioner of Employment and Economic Development will serve as the lead agency resource to provide technical support to the Commissioners under this Order. The Commissioner of Employment and Economic Development will work with Commissioners to identify a reporting format consistent with this Order.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2008, Section 4.035, Subdivision 2, this Executive Order will be effective fifteen (15) days after publication in the State Register and filing with the Secretary of State and will remain in effect until rescinded by proper authority or until it expires in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 2008, Section 4.035, Subdivision 3.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand this 13th day of January, 2009.



TIM PAWLENTY
Governor

Filed According to Law



MARK RITCHIE
Secretary of State

