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OFFICE OF
THE GOVERNOR

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**AN ORDER ESTABLISHING THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON JOBS,
INNOVATION AND THE ECONOMY**

WHEREAS, a recent study by the Brookings Institution concluded that the State of Maine “stands within reach of a new prosperity—if it takes bold action and focuses its limited resources on a few critical investments”; and

WHEREAS, Maine’s future growth depends on increased investment in research and development, innovation hubs and the state’s growth sectors that are promising but lack critical mass; and

WHEREAS, in order to grow the economy the state desires to invest in job creation activities that involve innovation and new cluster development; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John E. Baldacci, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby establish the Council on Jobs, Innovation and the Economy (hereinafter “Council”).

Purpose and Duties

The purpose and duties of the Council are to:

1. Develop a recommended action plan for moving the state forward on the innovation-focused and cluster development activities that will define the state’s investment strategies.
2. Propose structures, entities and activities that support the realization of these investments.
3. The Council shall collaborate with the Commissioner of the Department of Economic and Community Development, the Commissioner of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, the Director of the State Planning Office, the State Budget Officer, the legislature, Maine’s university and community college systems and other stakeholders to fulfill these duties.

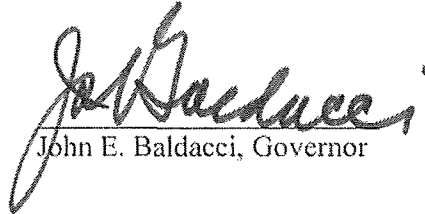
Membership

In order to keep the Council small, practical and focused on developing action-oriented recommendations, the Council shall be composed of at least seven (7) but no more than fifteen (15) members, who shall be appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of, the Governor. The Governor shall appoint the Chair who will preside at, set the agenda for, and schedule Council meetings. The members of the Council will serve without compensation.

The Council shall be comprised of active members of the business community who have a perspective and strong interest in the economic growth and prosperity of the state. It will include bipartisan members knowledgeable about industry, workforce needs and development in all parts of Maine and should include representation from the younger up and coming business community.

Effective Date

The effective date of this Executive Order is December 4, 2006.



John E. Baldacci, Governor