

Executive Order
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Governor's Office

Subject:
Public Private Partnership

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By Direction of: Tom Corbett, Governor

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WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has dramatically low national rankings in areas of key economic indicators, such as job creation, population growth, new business start-ups, patent creation and the average educational attainment for its workforce; and

WHEREAS, the commonwealth's economic development goals include developing an innovation-driven economy, ensuring that all Pennsylvania's children can achieve their full potential through access to a first-class education, increasing wealth-generating job opportunities for all citizens, encouraging small business growth, significantly reducing the burdens government places on businesses and citizens, expanding Pennsylvania-based business export opportunities, and harnessing Pennsylvania's energy potential; and

WHEREAS, successful economic development must be sustainable, contribute lasting economic benefits, provide a solid education that prepares students to compete in a global economy, and evaluate workforce and education options and opportunities in order to ensure an improved quality of life for Pennsylvania's people and communities; and

WHEREAS, commonwealth taxpayers for too long have been unduly burdened with, and relied upon for, sustaining Pennsylvania's many levels of state and local governments; and

WHEREAS, merely improving government policies and programs is insufficient to surmount the significant economic challenges facing the commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the use of a public private partnership to bring business, government, community, and education leaders together is essential to accomplishing these goals; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is fortunate in having an abundance of world-class private sector resources and leaders who desire to better their communities and the commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Team Pennsylvania Foundation is a dynamic resource for Pennsylvania, created as a nonprofit corporation incorporated in 1997, under 15 Pa.C.S. Subpart C (relating to Nonprofit Corporation Law of 1988), in order to assist the commonwealth in increasing job growth, retention and creation within Pennsylvania.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tom Corbett, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and other laws, do hereby recognize, affirm and celebrate the economic development partnership between the commonwealth and the Team Pennsylvania Foundation.

- 1. Purpose.** The purpose of the affirmation of the partnership between the commonwealth and Team Pennsylvania Foundation is to advance innovation, efficiency, and transparency within commonwealth government at state and local levels, stimulate business growth in the commonwealth, ensure excellent and accessible education options, and help create domestic and international business opportunities for the commonwealth's job creators.
- 2. Cooperation of State Agencies.** All agencies under the Governor's jurisdiction shall recognize the Team Pennsylvania Foundation as a unique and trusted partnership with the commonwealth and cooperate with and support it to the extent permissible under applicable laws, policies and regulations in order to assist it in pursuing our common mission of creating and expanding opportunities for businesses and individuals to succeed in the commonwealth.
- 3. Appointments.** To help ensure private sector engagement and participation, the Governor will endeavor to include Team Pennsylvania Foundation leadership on all relevant commissions, boards and appointments to other bodies and positions, as appropriate.
- 4. Applicability.** This Executive Order is intended to promote the attainment of the mission and goals of the Team Pennsylvania Foundation insofar as they enhance the economic betterment of the commonwealth, and is not intended to create any right or benefit, whether substantive or procedural, that is enforceable at law or equity by any party against the commonwealth, its agencies, officers or employees, or against any other person.
- 5. Effective Date.** This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.
- 6. Rescission.** Effective immediately, *Executive Order 2001-4* is hereby rescinded.