



**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 03-02**

**INDUSTRIAL LANDS**

Pursuant to my authority as Governor of the State of Oregon, I find that:

Oregon's economy is in distress. To meet this challenge, my highest priority over the next four years is to facilitate the growth of jobs and stimulate the economy. The private sector is the engine of growth for the economy. Accordingly, my economic development agenda seeks to create a stable climate for investment and a secure environment for business. I intend to position this state for a quick recovery from the downturn by actively promoting and aggressively working to retain, expand and recruit business to Oregon.

Under Sec. 1, Ch. 812, OR Laws 2001 (HB 3557), the Legislature appointed a special committee to investigate problems with the state's commercial and industrial land supply. That committee provided the legislature with recommendations to improve the land supply. Further, the Oregon Economic and Community Development Department, the Community Solutions Team, and the Department of Land Conservation and Development have each identified problems with the industrial land supply. Finally, the Oregon Business Plan for Growing Quality Jobs and Statewide Prosperity identifies critical land shortages for traded-sector industries that sell products and services outside the state, both in the near-term and for market ready sites.

We must continue to protect our natural resource base and a quality of life that is tied to our environment. But a strong economy is essential to assure the long-term sustainability and protection of Oregon's environment and its communities. It is critical that we sustain our local economies and communities to help move our economy forward again. Our efforts to date have raised valid questions as to whether our current supply of industrial land and our ways of preserving and developing it are suited to the needs of today's economy. It is time to act on recommendations and to tackle the questions raised. To respond to recommendations, questions and the needs of business so we can continue protecting our environment as well as our local economies and communities, we must take steps to create a ready supply of land for a variety of industrial uses.

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DIRECTED AND ORDERED:**

1. An Industrial Lands Taskforce ("Taskforce") is established, chaired by the Governor or a designee. The Taskforce shall be comprised of not more than 13 members. The Director of the Governor's Natural Resources Office shall identify and recommend individuals to the Taskforce that are knowledgeable about the issues faced by cities, counties, economic development organizations and businesses in providing an adequate supply of industrial lands.



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- a. The Taskforce may take action at any meeting in which a quorum of the members on the Taskforce are present. A quorum shall exist if a majority of the Taskforce is present at a meeting. An affirmative vote of a majority of members present at a meeting in which a quorum is present shall be required to take any action, including a recommendation to the Governor.
  - b. The Taskforce shall evaluate concerns and proposals for developing, identifying and protecting our short and long-term industrial land supply. As part of that evaluation, the Taskforce shall call and conduct statewide regional meetings to solicit views regarding these matters. It shall also solicit and review correspondence concerning these matters from Oregon communities, economic development and land use experts, citizens, and business people. After conducting all necessary meetings and reviewing the solicited comments, the Taskforce shall present its findings to the Governor as soon as is reasonably practicable.
2. The Community Solutions Team ("CST"), with the assistance of the Community Solutions Office, shall:
- a. Designate, as its first priority, the Shovel Ready Industrial Sites Initiative, designed to identify and prepare sites to make ready for immediate development opportunities. To meet this directive, it shall:
    - i. Complete an inventory of initial sites and identify the issues to resolve in order to make each such site shovel-ready;
    - ii. Coordinate with local governments, state agencies, and other involved parties to resolve the issues identified to make these sites shovel-ready; and
    - iii. Complete development of a Site Certification Process.
  - b. Provide staff support to the Taskforce.
  - c. Develop legislative concepts to resolve industrial land problems and deliver the concepts to the Governor as soon as is reasonably practicable.
  - d. Submit a schedule to the Governor within 30 days of this Executive Order, that identifies a proposed timeline and dates upon which CST's actions required under this Executive Order shall be completed.
  - e. CST shall coordinate the efforts of those state agencies represented in CST to review each such agency's authority to modify economic development grant and loan programs to assist industrial job creation.

