



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 11 – 12

**ESTABLISHING THE OREGON SOLUTIONS NETWORK AND
CONNECTING THE WORK OF THE REGIONAL SOLUTIONS
CENTERS, OREGON SOLUTIONS AND THE OREGON CONSENSUS
PROGRAM**

Oregon has been a leader in the development of collaborative governance systems and models. The state has benefited from the work of organizations formed to bring together the public, private and civic sectors to solve problems and seize opportunities in a collaborative way.

In order to create a prosperous economy, healthy environment and equitable society, a need exists in the state to create an infrastructure to support communities of place and interest that want to take a collaborative approach to solving problems and maximizing opportunities at the state, regional and local level. A collaborative infrastructure includes resources to support collaborative decision making; dispute resolution; implementation; public engagement and interagency cooperation.

Regional Advisory Committees have been established by the Governor to identify priority issues in eleven regions of the state. These committees will also assist in leveraging resources between the public, private and civic sector resources to address these priorities.

Regional Solutions Centers have been established by the Governor in six university and community college locations throughout the state. These centers house state agency staff that are co-located to ensure an integration of state effort and investment in regional priorities.

The Oregon Solutions Steering Committee is a statewide group comprised of the public, private and civic leadership of the state. It helps chart a course for identifying issues and projects that will benefit from a multi sector approach, address problems and opportunities that have a statewide significance, and produce solutions that can be applied in other parts of the state.

The Oregon Solutions Program is housed at Portland State University and provides a neutral forum to undertake projects that address the state's Sustainable Community Objectives and utilizes conveners appointed by the Governor.

The Oregon Consensus Program is the state's dispute resolution program. It provides a neutral forum that matches public policy disputes with skilled mediators



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to assist stakeholders in resolving differences and producing agreements to move forward.

There is a need to coordinate these resources and programs to maximize their effectiveness and ensure that their activities address regional priorities around the state. It benefits the state to ensure that state agencies utilize these resources and programs in a way that serves the state's interest through collaborative and integrated action to address state, regional and local challenges and opportunities.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DIRECTED AND ORDERED:

1. The Oregon Solutions Network (“Network”) is hereby established.
2. The Network will consist of the following people, programs, organizations and centers:
 - a. The Central Oregon Solutions Center;
 - b. The Eastern Oregon Solutions Center;
 - c. The Portland Metro Solutions Center;
 - d. The Southern Oregon Solutions Center;
 - e. The Valley/North Coast Oregon Solutions Center;
 - f. The Oregon Consensus Program;
 - g. The Oregon Solutions Program;
 - h. The Governor's Regional Solutions Director;
 - i. The Regional Solutions Conveners and Advisory Committees; and
 - j. The Governor's Regional Coordinators.
3. The Oregon Solutions Steering Committee (“Steering Committee”) will provide leadership for the Network. Its members are appointed by the Governor and consist of the leadership of the public, private and civic sectors of the State of Oregon. The Steering Committee will consist of the Governor and will include but not be limited to designees of the following organizations and governments:
 - a. Oregon Business Council, to be recommended by the Oregon Business Council;
 - b. Association of Oregon Industries, to be recommended by the Association of Oregon Industries;
 - c. Oregon Business Association, to be recommended by the Oregon Business Association;



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- d. Meyer Memorial Trust, to be recommended by Meyer Memorial Trust;
- e. Ford Family Foundation, to be recommended by Ford Family Foundation;
- f. Oregon Community Foundation, to be recommended by Oregon Community Foundation;
- g. Association of Oregon Counties, to be recommended by Association of Oregon Counties;
- h. League of Oregon Cities, to be recommended by League of Oregon Cities;
- i. Metro, to be recommended by Metro; and
- j. State of Oregon, to be selected by the Governor.

4. Members of the Steering Committee appointed will serve for three year terms and will not be entitled to per diem or expenses. The steering committee will operate according to the principles of consensus.

5. The Oregon Solutions Steering Committee will provide oversight to the Network by:

- a. Assisting with the statewide coordination of efforts;
- b. Developing strategies for the integration of public, private and civic resources and investments;
- c. Reviewing the progress of Network programs, organizations and centers in creating and implementing linkages between public, private and civic partners;
- d. Advising the Governor on legislative and administrative changes necessary to remove institutional barriers to collaborative decision making and implementation; and
- e. Advising the Governor on the performance of state agencies in supporting the state's collaborative strategies.

6. The Governor will chair the Steering Committee, set the agenda and work with the Steering Committee to frame issues for the Steering Committee and the Network to address.

7. The Oregon Consensus Program shall participate in Regional Solutions Centers by assisting in addressing regional priorities by providing a neutral forum to resolve disputes and assist with decision making as appropriate to achieve regional priorities.

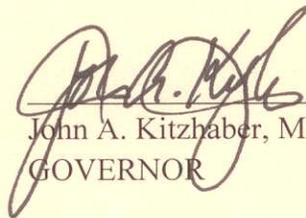


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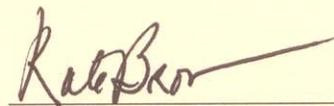
8. The Oregon Solutions Program shall participate in Regional Solutions Centers by assisting in addressing regional priorities by providing a neutral forum to undertake multi-sector collaborative implementation projects to achieve regional priorities.
9. The Governor's Regional Coordinators shall refer projects and cases to the Oregon Solutions Program and the Oregon Consensus Program as needed to address regional and local priorities.
10. State agency Directors shall ensure that agencies participate as project team members as requested by the Governor's Regional Coordinator when projects are developed to address regional priorities identified by Regional Advisory Committees.
11. The Steering Committee will be staffed by: the Governor's Regional Solutions Director for the Network oversight functions listed in number 5 above; the Director of Oregon Solutions for Oregon Solutions projects and programs; and the Director of Oregon Consensus for Oregon Consensus cases and programs.

Done at Salem, Oregon, this 16 day of December, 2011.




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GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


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