

1 AN ACT concerning development.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The State and Regional Development Strategy
5 Act is amended by changing Section 20-10 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 695/20-10)

7 Sec. 20-10. Strategic Planning. The Department of
8 Commerce and Community Affairs may prepare an economic
9 development strategy for Illinois. By no later than February
10 1, 2001 and biennially thereafter, the Department may make
11 modifications in the economic development strategy as the
12 modifications are warranted by changes in economic conditions
13 or by other factors, including changes in policy. In
14 preparing the strategy and in making modifications to the
15 strategy, the Department may consider ~~take-recognizance-of~~ the
16 special economic attributes of the various component areas of
17 the State.

18 (1) The "component areas" shall be determined by
19 the Department and may group counties that are close in
20 geographical proximity and share common economic traits
21 such as commuting zones, labor market areas, or other
22 economically integrated regions.

23 (2) The strategy may recommend actions for
24 promoting sustained economic growth at or above national
25 rates of economic growth.

26 (3) The strategy may include an assessment of
27 historical patterns of economic activity for the State
28 and projections of future economic trends using national
29 economic trends and projections for comparative purposes.
30 All assumptions made in the formulation of the economic
31 projections shall be clearly and explicitly set forth in

1 the strategy.

2 (4) The strategy may identify those community
3 economic improvement characteristics that will positively
4 influence the rate of overall State economic growth.

5 (5) The strategy may recommend actions to foster
6 and promote economic growth, taking into account
7 indigenous resources and prevalent economic factors.

8 (A) The strategy may identify the critical
9 business development approaches being considered or
10 to be considered. The approaches may include, but
11 are not limited to: investment recruitment, such as
12 industry attraction, expansion and retention; trade
13 development efforts including international trade,
14 support for small businesses' efforts to export
15 products and services, tourism attraction and
16 development including cultural tourism; technology
17 development efforts including technology
18 commercialization and manufacturing modernization;
19 and business development efforts, including
20 entrepreneurship and entrepreneurial education,
21 small business management assistance, and business
22 financing.

23 (B) The strategy may identify for the State
24 and each region the critical workforce training and
25 development approaches being considered or to be
26 considered. The approaches may include, but are not
27 limited to: customized job training, retraining and
28 skill upgrading, economic adjustment, job creation
29 and addressing labor shortages in areas of high
30 demand; the market for and quality of the local
31 labor force; the quality of the education and
32 workforce infrastructure; and related issues.

33 (C) The strategy may identify the critical
34 community development approaches being considered or

1 to be considered. The approaches may include, but
2 are not limited to: community growth management such
3 as regional planning and smart growth; area
4 revitalization including brownfields redevelopment
5 and facility reuse; and family self-sufficiency such
6 as through housing conservation and economic
7 opportunity.

8 (D) The strategy may identify the critical
9 public facilities development approaches being
10 considered or to be considered. The approaches may
11 include, but are not limited to: local public
12 services; the local, regional, and State tax and
13 regulatory climate; the physical infrastructure,
14 including communications and transportation systems;
15 the capacity of area utilities; and the quality of
16 public institutions such as schools.

17 (E) The strategy may identify the other
18 critical marketplace systems, including: the
19 financial marketplace; the competitive advantages of
20 the area in terms of natural resources, capital
21 resources or technology resources; and other factors
22 affecting area development.

23 (6) In preparing the strategy or modifications to
24 the strategy, the Department may work with State
25 agencies, boards, and commissions whose programs and
26 activities significantly affect economic activity in the
27 State as appropriate. The Directors of the agencies,
28 boards, and commissions shall provide the assistance to
29 the Department as the Governor deems appropriate.

30 (7) In preparing the strategy or the modifications
31 to the strategy, the Department may consult with local
32 and regional economic development organizations, local
33 elected officials, community-based organizations, service
34 delivery providers, and other organizations whose

1 programs and activities significantly affect economic
2 activity.

3 (8) In preparing the strategy or the modifications
4 to the strategy, the Department may take into
5 consideration any decisions or recommendations related to
6 programs, services, and government regulations that have
7 been rendered as a result of a Statewide Performance
8 Review.

9 (9) The strategy shall be presented to the
10 Governor, the President and Minority Leader of the
11 Senate, the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of
12 Representatives, the members of the Illinois Economic
13 Development Board, and the Chair of the Economic and
14 Fiscal Commission on February 1, 2001 and biennially
15 thereafter, as warranted by changes in economic
16 conditions or by other factors, including changes in
17 policy.

18 (10) The strategy shall be published and made
19 available to the public in both paper and electronic
20 media.

21 (Source: P.A. 91-476, eff. 8-11-99; 92-490, eff. 8-23-01.)