

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF REGULATORY REFORM

MISSION

The Governor's Office of Regulatory Reform improves the State's regulatory process by assisting State agencies in the development of regulations that are well conceived, understandable, and based upon adequate input from the parties affected. GORR also assists businesses with starting or expanding their operations by expediting permit approvals and facilitating communication between regulators and affected parties. In 2007, an estimated 50,000 applications for new and expanding businesses were submitted electronically through the online Permit and Licensing System (OPAL).

ORGANIZATION AND STAFFING

Led by a Director appointed by the Governor, the Office is located in Albany. Agency objectives are achieved through its Business Permits Assistance and Regulatory Review programs.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The Executive Budget recommends **\$3.8 million All Funds (\$3.8 million General Fund)** and a staffing level of **36 FTEs** for the Governor's Office of Regulatory Reform to support the Office's regulatory review and business permits assistance activities. Funding and staffing levels remain unchanged from the 2007-08 budget.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

REGULATORY REVIEW

The Office reviews the need for proposed new and revised regulations and their economic impact. The Office requires regulating agencies to analyze the costs and benefits of any proposed new or amended rule and to consider its effect on job creation and retention, public health, safety and welfare. Recommendations are also made to agencies to help them simplify their regulatory processes.

BUSINESS PERMITS ASSISTANCE

The Business Permits Assistance program provides comprehensive information about permits required to operate businesses in New York State, and consults with local governments to better coordinate local permit applications. Program staff also assist agencies in streamlining and simplifying permit procedures required for business and local government undertakings. This program has provided assistance to over 650,000 individuals or firms interested in starting or growing a business in New York. This effort was facilitated by the development of a master application form for complex business ventures, a comprehensive permit reform program and development of a web site, www.nys-permits.org, which provides businesses with permit information.

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ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Category	Available 2007-08	Appropriations Recommended 2008-09	Change	Reappropriations Recommended 2008-09
State Operations	3,751,000	3,751,000	0	0
Aid To Localities	0	0	0	0
Capital Projects	0	0	0	0
Total	3,751,000	3,751,000	0	0

ALL FUND TYPES PROJECTED LEVELS OF EMPLOYMENT BY PROGRAM FILLED ANNUAL SALARIED POSITIONS

Full-Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)

Program	2007-08 Estimated FTEs 03/31/08	2008-09 Estimated FTEs 03/31/09	FTE Change
Administration			
General Fund	36	36	0
Total	36	36	0

STATE OPERATIONS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Fund Type	Available 2007-08	Recommended 2008-09	Change
General Fund	3,751,000	3,751,000	0
Total	3,751,000	3,751,000	0

STATE OPERATIONS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Program	Available 2007-08	Recommended 2008-09	Change
Administration			
General Fund	3,751,000	3,751,000	0
Total	3,751,000	3,751,000	0

STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2008-09 RECOMMENDED (dollars)

Program	Total		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	2,609,000	(290,000)	2,559,000	(335,000)
Total	2,609,000	(290,000)	2,559,000	(335,000)

Program	Temporary Service (Nonannual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change
Administration	50,000	45,000
Total	50,000	45,000

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STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED
APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2008-09 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)

Program	Total		Supplies and Materials	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	1,142,000	290,000	120,000	100,000
Total	1,142,000	290,000	120,000	100,000

Program	Travel		Contractual Services	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	7,000	0	785,000	(15,000)
Total	7,000	0	785,000	(15,000)

Program	Equipment	
	Amount	Change
Administration	230,000	205,000
Total	230,000	205,000