

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF REGULATORY REFORM

MISSION

The Governor's Office of Regulatory Reform (GORR) 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. The Office is also responsible for evaluating the financial impact of new and amended regulations on local government ensuring their cost efficiency.

ORGANIZATION AND STAFFING

Led by a Director appointed by the Governor, the Office is located in Albany. The Office's core objectives are achieved through its regulatory review program.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The Executive Budget recommends **\$2.4 million All Funds** (\$2.4 million General Fund) and a staffing level of **22 FTEs** to support the Office's regulatory review activities. Funding is reduced by \$0.7 million from the 2009-10 budget to reflect savings achieved through the functional transfer of the Online Permit and Licensing System (OPAL), along with associated staff, to the State Office for Technology, and by other cost-cutting initiatives.

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. GORR is completing transfer of its permit assistance and Online Permit and Licensing System functions to the Office of the CIO/OFT. This transfer will facilitate technological upgrades to the aging OPAL system and make the system more user-friendly and more efficient.

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ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Category	Available 2009-10	Appropriations Recommended 2010-11	Change	Reappropriations Recommended 2010-11
State Operations	3,072,521	2,350,000	(722,521)	0
Aid To Localities	0	0	0	0
Capital Projects	0	0	0	0
Total	3,072,521	2,350,000	(722,521)	0

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

Full-Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)

Program	2009-10 Estimated FTEs 03/31/10	2010-11 Estimated FTEs 03/31/11	FTE Change
Administration			
General Fund	22	22	0
Total	22	22	0

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

Fund Type	Available 2009-10	Recommended 2010-11	Change
General Fund	3,072,521	2,350,000	(722,521)
Total	3,072,521	2,350,000	(722,521)

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

Program	Available 2009-10	Recommended 2010-11	Change
Administration			
General Fund	3,072,521	2,350,000	(722,521)
Total	3,072,521	2,350,000	(722,521)

STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2010-11 RECOMMENDED (dollars)

Program	Total		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	2,000,000	(376,350)	1,970,000	(366,890)
Total	2,000,000	(376,350)	1,970,000	(366,890)

Program	Temporary Service (Nonannual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change
Administration	30,000	(9,460)
Total	30,000	(9,460)

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STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED
APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2010-11 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)

Program	Total		Supplies and Materials	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	350,000	(346,171)	50,000	(23,153)
Total	350,000	(346,171)	50,000	(23,153)

Program	Travel		Contractual Services	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	5,000	733	215,000	(263,541)
Total	5,000	733	215,000	(263,541)

Program	Equipment	
	Amount	Change
Administration	80,000	(60,210)
Total	80,000	(60,210)