18.442 Transfer of Michigan economic recovery office to state budget office.

WHEREAS, Section 1 of Article V of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 vests the executive power of the State of Michigan in the Governor;

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Article V of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 empowers the Governor to make changes in the organization of the executive branch of state government or in the assignment of functions among its units that the Governor considers necessary for efficient administration;

WHEREAS, the Michigan Economic Recovery Office was created within the Executive Office of the Governor by Executive Order 2009-35;

WHEREAS, under the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Public Law 111-5, Michigan has received billions of dollars in federal assistance, which helps protect millions of residents impacted by the national recession and allows the state to move forward with its plans to grow the economy and create jobs;

WHEREAS, the majority of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds have been allocated; however, there is a continuing need for the Office to assist with reporting responsibilities as required by law due to strict accountability, transparency and oversight requirements on all state and local recipients of funds;

WHEREAS, it is practicable and necessary in the interests of efficient administration and effectiveness of government to reorganize the executive branch of state government by transferring the Michigan Economic Recovery Office to the State Budget Office;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jennifer M. Granholm, Governor of the State of Michigan, by virtue of the power and authority vested in the Governor by the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and Michigan law, order the following:

I. DEFINITIONS

As used in this Order:


B. "Department of Technology, Management, and Budget" means the principal department of state government created as the Department of Management and Budget under Section 121 of The Management and Budget Act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1121, and renamed under Executive Order 2009-55, MCL 18.441.

C. "Michigan Economic Recovery Office" or "Office" means the office created within the Executive Office of the Governor under Executive Order 2009-35.

D. "State Budget Director" means the individual appointed by the Governor pursuant to Section 321 of The Management and Budget Act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1321 and Executive Order 2009-55, MCL 18.441.

E. "State Budget Office" means the office created within the Department of Technology, Management, and Budget under Section 321 of The Management and Budget Act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1321, and renamed under Executive Order 2009-55, MCL 18.441.

II. TRANSFER

A. The "Michigan Economic Recovery Office" is transferred intact to the State Budget Office, together with all of the authority, powers, duties, functions, responsibilities, personnel, equipment, and budgetary resources of the Office, including, but not limited to, any authority, powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities of the Office under Executive Order 2009-35.

B. The authority, powers, duties, and functions of the Office, including, but not limited to, budgeting, procurement, and related management functions, shall be performed under the direction and supervision of the State Budget Director.

C. The Office includes a Director who shall continue to serve in the position and who shall report to the State Budget Director or his or her designee. In the event of a subsequent vacancy, the Director shall be appointed by the State Budget Director.

D. The Office may employ personnel as necessary to perform the duties and responsibilities of the Office, including, but not limited to, those duties and responsibilities required for compliance with the ARRA.

E. The Director of the State Budget Office shall give executive direction and supervision for the implementation of the transfer to the State Budget Office under this Order, and the Director of the State Budget Office shall make internal organizational changes as necessary to effectuate the transfer.

F. The authority, powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities transferred to the State Budget Office under this Order shall be administered in such ways as to promote efficient administration.

G. All records, property, grants, and unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations, and other funds used, held, employed, available, or to be made available for the activities, powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities transferred under this Order are transferred to the State Budget Office.
III. MISCELLANEOUS

A. The State Budget Director shall determine the most efficient manner possible for handling financial transactions and records in the state's financial management system necessary for the implementation of this Order.

B. All rules, orders, contracts, and agreements relating to the transfer under this Order lawfully adopted prior to the effective date of this Order shall continue to be effective until revised, amended, repealed, or rescinded.

C. This Order shall not abate any suit, action, or other proceeding lawfully commenced by, against, or before any entity affected under this Order. Any suit, action, or other proceeding may be maintained by, against, or before the appropriate successor of any entity affected under this Order.

D. The invalidity of any portion of this Order shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Order, which may be given effect without any invalid portion. Any portion of this Order found invalid by a court or other entity with proper jurisdiction shall be severable from the remaining portions of this Order.

This Order is effective on December 27, 2010 at 12:01 a.m.