



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, the Department of Commerce and Economic
3 Opportunity (DCEO) is the lead State agency for economic
4 development in Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, in that capacity, DCEO expended over \$800 million
6 in Fiscal Year 2002 appropriations for community and business
7 development, technology and industrial competitiveness,
8 tourism, coal development and marketing, and Illinois First;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Executive Order Number 11 (2003) transferred
11 responsibility for administering the federal Workforce
12 Investment Act of 1998, Title I, the federal Illinois Trade
13 Adjustment Assistance Program, and the federal and State funded
14 Welfare to Work program from the Department of Employment
15 Security to DCEO; and

16 WHEREAS, Executive Order Number 11 (2003) also vested in
17 DCEO certain duties of the Illinois Community College Board and
18 the Prairie State 2000 Authority and abolished the latter
19 agency; and

20 WHEREAS, efficient and effective management of the State's
21 economic development programs is critical to the fiscal
22 soundness of the State, local communities, business, and
23 Illinois workers; therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
25 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
26 the Auditor General is directed to conduct a management and
27 program audit of the Department of Commerce and Economic
28 Opportunity's administration of its economic development
29 programs; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the audit include, but need not be limited
2 to, the following determinations: (i) whether DCEO's economic
3 development programs are operated in conformity with
4 applicable federal and State requirements; (ii) whether DCEO
5 has established and implemented procedures to periodically
6 review both the efficiency and effectiveness of its economic
7 development programs; (iii) whether DCEO has in place
8 appropriate monitoring and reporting procedures to ensure that
9 it receives timely and accurate information from its grant and
10 loan recipients; (iv) whether DCEO's reported performance
11 measures are periodically reviewed and adequately supported by
12 underlying documentation; and (v) whether DCEO's performance
13 measures indicate that its economic development programs are
14 effective in accomplishing their stated purposes; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That the Department of Commerce and Economic
17 Opportunity and its predecessor agencies, recipients of State
18 funds, and any other entity or person that may have information
19 relevant to this audit cooperate fully and promptly with the
20 Auditor General's Office in the conduct of this audit; and be
21 it further

22 RESOLVED, That the Auditor General commence this audit as
23 soon as possible and distribute the report upon completion in
24 accordance with Section 3-14 of the Illinois State Auditing
25 Act; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be delivered to
27 the Auditor General and to the Director of Commerce and
28 Economic Opportunity.