Executive Department

State of South Carolina

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 90-31

WHEREAS, the quality of the work force is one of the most important factors for all types of industry; and

WHEREAS, South Carolina's business and industry cannot continue to compete effectively in today's marketplace unless their employees possess the skills and abilities to cope with demands placed on them by technological changes in the workplace; and

WHEREAS, twenty-two percent (22%) of the persons in South Carolina have completed eight years or less of schooling; and

WHEREAS, at least sixteen percent (16%) of the South Carolina work force has eight years or less of schooling; and

WHEREAS, forty-two percent (42%) of South Carolinians have not received a high school diploma; and

WHEREAS, those workers who have completed the eighth grade or less represent the population whose jobs are at risk of being changed beyond their ability level and who represent a base of South Carolinians who cannot raise their standard of living and income until they acquire the basic skills needed to improve or remain in their changing jobs; and

WHEREAS, there are three established providers of adult education/literacy programs: literacy councils, adult education, and technical colleges' development education; and
WHEREAS, an official effort is necessary to coordinate the design and effective delivery of adult education/literacy services to employers.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and laws of this state, I hereby transfer the South Carolina Initiative on Work Force Excellence from the Governor's Office to the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education and create the Governor's Council on Work Force Excellence. This Council is responsible for overall policy development, long-range plans and recommendations, funding and evaluation of progress.

Further, the Council must be assisted by the business roundtables at the local level. These business roundtables shall be responsible for creating partnerships between employers and the adult education/literacy service providers. The roundtables shall make recommendations for service delivery to the workplace, evaluate the quality of service, identify the needs for additional services, and be advocates for the initiative's mission.

The Governor shall appoint the members of the Council and the members of each roundtable and all appointed members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The Council shall make annual reports of progress to the Governor at the end of each fiscal year. The roundtables shall make periodic reports of their progress and recommendations to the Council.

This Order takes effect immediately upon signature.


CARROLL A. CAMPBELL, JR.
Governor

ATTEST:

JOHN T. CAMPBELL
Secretary of State