EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 86-13

WHEREAS, it is vital to the interests of the State of South Carolina that there exist a strong and expanding economy; and

WHEREAS, this goal may be furthered by encouraging the development and expansion of small and minority businesses in the State; and

WHEREAS, Section 11-35-5270, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, called for the establishment of the Office of Small and Minority Business Assistance to promote state and local procurement from small and minority business firms; and

WHEREAS, other agencies of State government, in particular the State Development Board, the Jobs-Economic Development Authority, and the State Board of Technical and Comprehensive Education, are committed to providing assistance to small and minority businesses; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of these and other agencies of State government would be enhanced by a strong partnership with representatives from the private sector; and
WHEREAS, by Act No. 423 of 1986, the Chairman of the Small and Minority Business Expansion Council serves as a member of the South Carolina Coordinating Council for Economic Development;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the power conferred upon me by the Constitution and the laws of the State of South Carolina, I hereby reestablish the Small and Minority Business Expansion Council and charge the Council to provide advice to the agencies of State government in promoting the development and expansion of small and minority businesses within this state, as well as advice on how coordination of services among state agencies might best promote small and minority business development.

In particular the Council shall review and assess State efforts in the following areas of small and minority business assistance:

- business and industry linkages
- capital market development
- statewide incubator network
- management and technical assistance
- small business and entrepreneurial training
- federal, state and local government procurement
- communication and public information
The Council shall make such reports as it deems necessary to the Governor, the General Assembly, the Coordinating Council for Economic Development, and appropriate State agencies.

The Council shall be composed of 15 members appointed by the Governor for two year terms; provided, however, that seven of the initial appointments shall be for one year terms and that eight of the initial appointments shall be for two year terms. Subsequent appointments shall be for two year terms. Members may be reappointed to a second successive term.

In making appointments to the Council, the Governor shall consider individuals in the following areas of the private sector: minority businesses, small businesses, financial institutions, chambers of commerce, and professional and trade associations.

A chairperson shall be appointed by the Governor from among the membership of the Council for a one year term. A chairperson may be reappointed to a second successive term.

The Office of Small and Minority Business Assistance shall provide staff support to the Council.

Council members may be reimbursed for subsistence expenses incurred in fulfilling the duties of the Council in the manner prescribed in law or regulation for state boards, committees, and commissions.
This Order hereby amends and supplants Executive Order No. 81-37.


RICHARD W. RILEY
Governor

ATTEST:

JOHN T. CAMPBELL
Secretary of State