

**AGENCY ANNEX D3
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

I. MISSION

The Department of Economic Development (DED) works to grow our economy, help businesses create jobs and support vibrant and resilient communities. DED provides training, technical and financial assistance designed to enhance economic development programs and practices.

II. AUTHORITY

ACCD created in Chapter 47 of Title 3, specifically in 3 VSA 2402.
DED – Executive Order # 01-13

III. SITUATION AND ASSUMPTIONS

State agency and department heads and their staffs develop, plan and train to internal policies and procedures to meet preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery needs as identified in this plan including annexes, appendices, tabs and other supporting documents including the State Hazard Mitigation Plan. Training includes not only what may be accomplished within the agency but multi-level, interagency training and exercises to develop and maintain necessary capabilities.

DED staff is prepared to provide assistance to affected businesses and municipalities requiring prompt and comprehensive regulatory advice and other emergency assistance relating to their specific needs during a state of emergency. DED will also work to support the business and cultural and historic resources impact assessment protocol for declared disasters or disasters impacting multi-towns or a region that will be initiated by the Department of Housing and Community Development.

Using the assessment information, DED will coordinate with other state agencies and public and private entities to assist businesses in meeting their response and recovery needs.

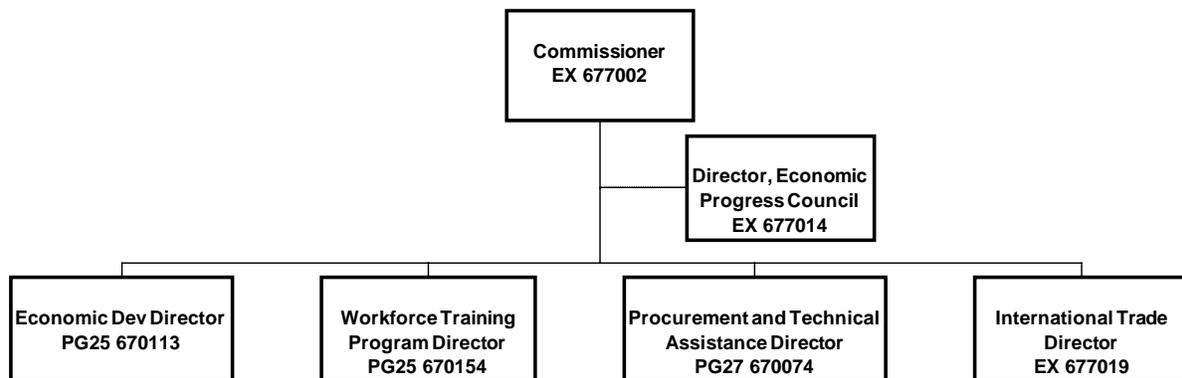
The Department of Economic Development will:

1. Provide technical assistance for individual business recovery.
2. Work with other agencies and partners to assess business needs and identify potential recovery funding.
3. Launch a call center if directed by DEMHS.

The situation and assumptions in section ii of the Base plan also apply.

IV. ORGANIZATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The chart on the following page outlines the emergency response of the DED:



Vermont Department of Economic Development is a support agency for State Support Function #5 (Emergency Management, Recovery & Mitigation), and State Support Function 14 (Public Information) and assumes the responsibilities as outlined in those annexes. The Department is also a participating agency in the Recovery and Restoration Multi-Agency Coordination Group as designated in the Disaster Recovery and Restoration Annex.

V. IMPLEMENTATION

This Annex will be implemented with the assigned responsibilities by means of direct coordination from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Department of Public Safety or Director, DEMHS with the Commissioner and/or upon the order of the Governor within the framework of the State Emergency Operations Plan (SEOP).

VI. ADMINISTRATION

The Commissioner of Economic Development is responsible for the overall emergency response of the Department of Economic Development.

VII. CONTINUITY OF GOVERNMENT

In accordance with the provisions of Title 20, “agency heads will in addition to any deputy authorized pursuant to law, designate by title three emergency interim successors and specify their order of succession. These designations shall, each year, be reviewed and revised, as necessary, to ensure their current status.”

Line of succession for the Department of Economic Development is as follows:

1. Deputy Secretary
2. Executive Director, Economic Progress Council
3. Economic Research Analysis
4. International Trade Director