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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

EXECUTIVE ORDER

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Governor's Sports and Exposition Facilities Task Force		1995-10	
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WHEREAS, sports and exposition facilities are an integral part of the Commonwealth's history, its economy, its culture, and its quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the construction and maintenance of and improvements to sports and exposition facilities will create new and lasting infrastructure and other improvements and attract and retain sports and other events; and

WHEREAS, the state cannot be the sole source of funding for such facilities, a mechanism to maximize other public and private investments must be created; and

WHEREAS, a statewide authority could cultivate public/private partnerships to devise financing alternatives for sports and exposition facilities, including the use of tax-exempt financing, thereby better serving the interests of the Commonwealth in promoting commerce, prosperity, and general welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Thomas J. Ridge, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and other laws, do hereby establish the **Governor's Sports and Exposition Facilities Task Force** to perform the powers, duties and functions set forth herein and to advise and counsel me in the formulation of policies, plans, and strategies, including legislative proposals, related to the creation of a statewide authority to devise financing alternatives for improvements to and construction and maintenance of sports and exposition facilities in the Commonwealth.

1. Governor's Sports and Exposition Facilities Task Force. There is hereby created within the Governor's Office the Governor's Sports and Exposition Facilities Task Force (hereinafter referred to as Task Force). The Task Force shall be composed of no more than 15 persons to be appointed or designated as follows:

- (a) The following persons shall serve as *ex officio* members of the Task Force:
 - (1) The General Counsel or his designee.
 - (2) The Secretary of the Budget or his designee.

(b) The other members of the Task Force shall be appointed by the Governor to serve at his pleasure.

(c) The Governor shall designate the Chairperson(s) of the Task Force.

2. Mission. It shall be the mission of the Task Force to:

(a) Examine, study, and devise ways of establishing a statewide authority which would effectuate a system of public and private financing alternatives for acquiring, constructing, refinancing, improving, furnishing, equipping, maintaining, and operating any sports or exposition facility in the Commonwealth.

(b) Issue a report to the Governor containing its findings and recommendations, along with proposed legislation, on or before July 1, 1996.

3. Staff. The Office of General Counsel and Office of the Budget shall provide such personnel, equipment, and resources as might be required for the functioning of the Task Force.

4. Compensation. The members of the Task Force who are not *ex officio* members or their designees shall not receive compensation for their services but shall be reimbursed for expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties.

5. Effective Date. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

6. Termination. The Task Force shall terminate at such time as the Governor might determine.