

**154.12-223 Department for Existing Business Development.**

- (1) There is created within the Cabinet for Economic Development the Department for Existing Business Development, which shall be headed by a commissioner appointed by the Governor pursuant to KRS 12.040. The department shall work with each Kentucky county in:
  - (a) Assisting community-based economic development agencies in creating and implementing their respective work plans;
  - (b) Developing cooperative interaction with existing industries and small and minority businesses and assisting export development; and
  - (c) Providing sufficient technical resources to create and maintain a database to facilitate sales transactions between Kentucky businesses.
- (2) The Department for Existing Business Development shall include the following divisions, each of which shall be headed by a director appointed by the secretary pursuant to KRS 12.050:
  - (a) The Division of Small Business Services, which shall be responsible for procurement assistance, business information clearinghouse services, and business and technology functions of the cabinet, including, without being limited to:
    1. Providing comprehensive information on all state business licenses and requirements; and
    2. Assisting businesses in the identification of government procurement opportunities.

The Small and Minority Business Branch within the Division of Small Business Services, shall be responsible for the cabinet's functions relating to small and minority business enterprise, as provided in KRS 154.12-215. The Small Business Advisory Council established by KRS 154.12-218 shall advise the branch;
  - (b) The Western Kentucky Economic Development Division;
  - (c) The Eastern Kentucky Economic Development Division;
  - (d) The Central Kentucky Economic Development Division; and
  - (e) The International Trade Division, which shall promote the development of international markets for Kentucky goods, products, and services for the purpose of identifying and analyzing national and international market developments and opportunities, and gathering and disseminating vital information to Kentucky manufacturers, service providers, and other industries regarding international trade opportunities; and which shall direct export trade offices that the cabinet may establish in foreign locations.
- (3) The following programs and commission shall be attached to the Department for Existing Business Development:
  - (a) The Kentucky port and river development program created by KRS 65.510 to 65.530, KRS 139.483, and KRS 154.80-100 to 154.80-130;
  - (b) The Waterway Marina Development Program established by KRS 154.80-310; and

- (c) The Kentucky Investment Capital Network established by KRS 154.12-2333.

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**Legislative Research Commission Note** (6/20/2005). This section was amended by 2005 Ky. Acts chs. 158 and 181, which do not appear to be in conflict and have been codified together.

**Legislative Research Commission Note** (6/20/2005). The Reviser of Statutes has renumbered the subparagraphs of subsection (2)(a) of this statute under the authority of KRS 7.136(1)(a).