

# *The Economic and Co-operative Development Act*

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Chapter E-0.011\*\* of the *Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1993* (effective May 21, 1993) as amended by the *Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1994, c.16; 1995, c.7; 1996, c.9 and c.28; 2002, c.46; 2006, c.17; and 2014, c.E-13.1.*

*Formerly*

*The Department of Economic Development Act, 1993, being Chapter D-12.11 of the Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1993.*

**\*NOTE:** Pursuant to subsection 33(1) of *The Interpretation Act, 1995*, the Consequential Amendment sections, schedules and/or tables within this Act have been removed. Upon coming into force, the consequential amendments contained in those sections became part of the enactment(s) that they amend, and have thereby been incorporated into the corresponding Acts. Please refer to the Separate Chapter to obtain consequential amendment details and specifics.

\*NOTE: The chapter number and Title of this Act were changed by S.S. [2002, c.46](#).

## **NOTE:**

**This consolidation is not official. Amendments have been incorporated for convenience of reference and the original statutes and regulations should be consulted for all purposes of interpretation and application of the law. In order to preserve the integrity of the original statutes and regulations, errors that may have appeared are reproduced in this consolidation.**

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## CHAPTER E-0.011

### An Act respecting the Economic and Co-operative Development

#### Short title

- 1** This Act may be cited as *The Economic and Co-operative Development Act*.  
2002, c.46, s.4.

#### Interpretation

- 2** In this Act:

- (a) **Repealed.** 2014, c.E-13.1, s.45.
- (b) **“government ministry”** means a ministry, secretariat, office or other similar agency of the executive government of Saskatchewan;
- (c) **“minister”** means the member of the Executive Council to whom for the time being the administration of this Act is assigned;
- (c.1) **“ministry”** means the ministry over which the minister presides;
- (d) **“prescribed public agency”** means a public agency that is prescribed in the regulations for the purposes of this Act;
- (e) **“public agency”** means:
  - (i) the Legislative Assembly Service and the office of any officer of the Legislature;
  - (ii) a Treasury Board Crown corporation or designated Treasury Board Crown corporation as defined in *The Crown Corporations Act, 1993*;
  - (iii) any other board, commission, institution, body or person that derives its funds in whole or in part from the Government of Saskatchewan.

2002, c.46, s.4; 2006, c.17, s.3; 2014, c.E-13.1, s.45.

- 3 to 7 Repealed.** 2002, c.46, s.5.

#### Responsibilities of minister

- 8** The minister is responsible for all matters not by law assigned to any other minister or government ministry relating to the development of the Saskatchewan economy including:

- (a) guiding, promoting, co-ordinating and implementing policies, strategies and programs to develop, diversify and renew the Saskatchewan economy;

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- (b) establishing partnerships and working relationships with all sectors of the economy, all types of enterprise, co-operatives, businesses, entrepreneurs, investors, all levels of government and all other persons, groups or organizations interested in the development, diversification and renewal of the Saskatchewan economy; and
- (c) subject to subsection 9(3), co-ordinating and promoting the development of, and implementing, a uniform and integrated approach to information technology and information management throughout all government ministries and prescribed public agencies, including matters involving information technology and information management where all or any of the government ministries or the prescribed public agencies deal or propose to deal with:
  - (i) the Government of Canada or the government of any other province or territory of Canada or a minister, agent or official of that government;
  - (ii) the government of any other country or any jurisdiction within that country; or
  - (iii) any person, agency, organization, association, enterprise, institution or body within or outside Saskatchewan.

1993, c.D-12.11, s.8; 2002, c.46, s.6; 2006, c.17, s.4; 2014, c.E-13.1, s.45.

**Powers of minister**

- 9(1)** In carrying out the responsibilities pursuant to section 8, the minister may:
- (a) research, investigate, consult and co-ordinate all efforts by the Government of Saskatchewan to examine economic issues, strategies and opportunities;
  - (b) collect and disseminate information with respect to the development of the Saskatchewan economy;
  - (c) guide, promote, co-ordinate and implement policies, plans and strategies in support of economic renewal;
  - (d) guide, promote, co-ordinate and establish programs to encourage and support the development and diversification of the Saskatchewan economy;
  - (e) subject to Treasury Board approval, provide loans or guarantees or forgive any loans provided by the minister, for any purpose relating to any matter under the minister's administration or for which the minister is responsible;
  - (f) subject to Treasury Board approval or any provisions prescribed in the regulations, levy fees and charges for the programs or services provided by the ministry in support of economic development;

- (g) subject to the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council and the regulations:
- (i) incorporate a body corporate for the purposes of providing trade development services in Saskatchewan; and
  - (ii) either:
    - (A) become a member of that corporation; or
    - (B) hold shares issued by that corporation where:
      - (I) the shares have been issued for nominal consideration; and
      - (II) the shares do not entitle the holder to receive dividends or to receive the remaining property of the corporation on dissolution; and
  - (h) subject to subsection (3), for the purposes of clause 8(c):
    - (i) provide services to government ministries and prescribed public agencies respecting information technology and management; and
    - (ii) make expenditures with respect to the purchase of goods and services to be provided to government ministries and prescribed public agencies.
- (2) Where the minister incorporates a body corporate and either becomes a member of that corporation or holds any shares issued by it, the minister shall:
- (a) cause a notice of the incorporation to be published in the Gazette; and
  - (b) lay before the Legislative Assembly a report, in accordance with section 13 of *The Executive Government Administration Act*, outlining:
    - (i) the name of the body corporate;
    - (ii) the reasons for its incorporation; and
    - (iii) whether the minister is a member of that corporation or holds any shares.
- (3) In carrying out the minister's responsibilities pursuant to clause 8(c) and in providing services and making expenditures pursuant to clause (1)(h), the minister is subject to:
- (a) any terms and conditions that may be established by the Lieutenant Governor in Council; and
  - (b) any orders or directives of Treasury Board.

1993, c.D-12.11, s.9; 1994, c.16, s.2; 2002, c.46, s.7; 2006, c.17, s.5; 2014, c.E-13.1, s.45 and s.62.

**10 Repealed.** 2014, c.E-13.1, s.45.

**10.1 Repealed.** 2014, c.E-13.1, s.45.

**11 Repealed.** 2014, c.E-13.1, s.45.

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**Financial assistance**

**12** The minister, for any purpose relating to any matter under the minister's administration or for which the minister is responsible, may:

- (a) provide financial assistance by way of grant, loan, guarantee or other similar means, in accordance with any terms and conditions prescribed in the regulations, to any person, agency, organization, association, enterprise, institution or body within or outside Saskatchewan;
- (b) charge any rate of interest that the minister considers appropriate on any loan provided pursuant to clause (a); and
- (c) subject to any terms and conditions that Treasury Board may impose, sell, rent, lease or otherwise dispose of property and assets acquired by the minister as a result of any loan provided pursuant to clause (a).

1995, c.7, s.2.

**Services**

**13** The minister may, for any purpose relating to any matter under the minister's administration or for which the minister is responsible, provide consulting, advisory or co-ordinating services by contract or otherwise to any person, agency, organization, association, enterprise, institution or body within or outside Saskatchewan.

1993, c.D-12.11, s.13.

**14 Repealed.** 2014, c.E-13.1, s.45.

**15 Repealed.** 2002, c.46, s.10.

**Regulations**

**16** For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act according to their intent, the Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations:

- (a) prescribing any fees or charges to be levied for programs or services provided in support of economic development;
  - (a.1) prescribing public agencies or categories of public agencies for the purposes of this Act;
- (b) **Repealed.** 2014, c.E-13.1, s.45.
- (c) respecting the terms and conditions governing the provision of financial assistance by the minister pursuant to section 12;
- (d) defining, enlarging or restricting the meaning of any word or expression used in this Act but not defined in this Act;
- (e) prescribing any matter or thing required or authorized by this Act to be prescribed in the regulations;
- (f) respecting any other matter or thing that the Lieutenant Governor in Council considers necessary to carry out the intent of this Act.

1993, c.D-12.11, s.16; 2006, c.17, s.6; 2014, c.E-13.1, s.45.

CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS, REPEALS  
AND COMING INTO FORCE

**17 Dispensed.** This section makes consequential amendments to another Act. The amendments have been incorporated into the corresponding Act.

**S.S. 1983-84, c.D-22.3 repealed**

**18** *The Department of Science and Technology Act* is repealed.

1993, c.D-12.11, s.18.

**R.S.S. 1978, c.I-7 repealed**

**19** *The Industry and Commerce Development Act* is repealed.

1993, c.D-12.11, s.19.

**R.S.S. 1978, c.I-8 repealed**

**20** *The Industry Incentives Act* is repealed.

1993, c.D-12.11, s.20.

**S.S. 1983, c.T-15.1 repealed**

**21** *The Trade and Investment Act* is repealed.

1993, c.D-12.11, s.21.

