

**2011 - 2012 Statement of Legislative Intent**

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**Budget Action Title:** OED-Citywide Business Advocacy Team

**Councilmembers:** Bagshaw; Conlin; Rasmussen

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**Budget Committee Vote:**

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**Statement of Legislative Intent:**

The Council requests that the Citywide Business Advocacy Team be formally established as an on-going interdepartmental team (IDT). The Council requests that the Office of Economic Development (OED) convene the Advocacy Team and that key personnel be designated to participate on the Advocacy Team from OED, Seattle Public Utilities, Seattle Department of Transportation, Seattle City Light, the Seattle Fire Department, Department of Planning and Development, and Finance and Administrative Services.

The mission of the team would be to:

- provide business assistance and case management for businesses that need assistance in working through specific issues related to one or more city departments;
- identify systemic and/or recurring issues, barriers that unintentionally impact specific industries (e.g., biotech, farmers markets, street vendors, etc.) and regulatory challenges;
- provide input to departments on opportunities for continuous process improvements;
- recommend to the Council and the Executive policy modifications and process improvements.

The emphasis of the Citywide Business Advocacy Team would be on small and medium businesses, but would include business assistance and case management for large businesses when needed.

Beginning July 15, 2011, OED is requested to provide an annual briefing and a report in writing to committee on the issues and challenges identified by the Citywide Business Advocacy Team, and recommendations for policy modifications and process improvements that improve the City's responsiveness to businesses.

**Responsible Council Committee(s):** Regional Development & Sustainability

**Date Due to Council:** Annually starting, July 15, 2011