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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Department of Commerce and Economic
3 Opportunity (DCEO) is the lead State agency for economic
4 development in Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, In that capacity, DCEO expended over \$730 million
6 in Fiscal Year 2007 appropriations for community and business
7 development, technology and industrial competitiveness,
8 tourism, coal development and marketing, and other projects to
9 encourage economic development; and

10 WHEREAS, Efficient and effective management of the State's
11 economic development programs is critical to the fiscal
12 soundness of the State, local communities, business, and
13 Illinois workers; and

14 WHEREAS, The management and program audit released in
15 February of 2006, conducted by the Auditor General, outlined
16 definitive shortcomings in such areas as performance
17 measurement effectiveness and methodology, documentation
18 accuracy, program monitoring, and the tracking and compliance
19 of statutory mandates; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
21 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 the Auditor General is directed to conduct a follow-up audit of
2 the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity's
3 administration of its economic development programs; and be it
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That the audit include, but need not be limited
6 to, the following determinations: (i) whether DCEO's economic
7 development programs are operated in conformity with
8 applicable federal and State requirements; (ii) whether DCEO
9 has established and implemented procedures to periodically
10 review both the efficiency and effectiveness of its economic
11 development programs; (iii) whether DCEO has in place
12 appropriate monitoring and reporting procedures to ensure that
13 it receives timely and accurate information from its grant and
14 loan recipients; (iv) whether DCEO's reported performance
15 measures are periodically reviewed and adequately supported by
16 underlying documentation; and (v) whether DCEO's performance
17 measures indicate that its economic development programs are
18 effective in accomplishing their stated purposes; and be it
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That the Department of Commerce and Economic
21 Opportunity and its predecessor agencies, recipients of State
22 funds, and any other entity or person that may have information
23 relevant to this audit cooperate fully and promptly with the
24 Auditor General's Office in the conduct of this audit; and be

1 it further

2 RESOLVED, That the Auditor General commence this audit as
3 soon as possible and distribute the report upon completion in
4 accordance with Section 3-14 of the Illinois State Auditing
5 Act; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be delivered to
7 the Auditor General and to the Director of Commerce and
8 Economic Opportunity.