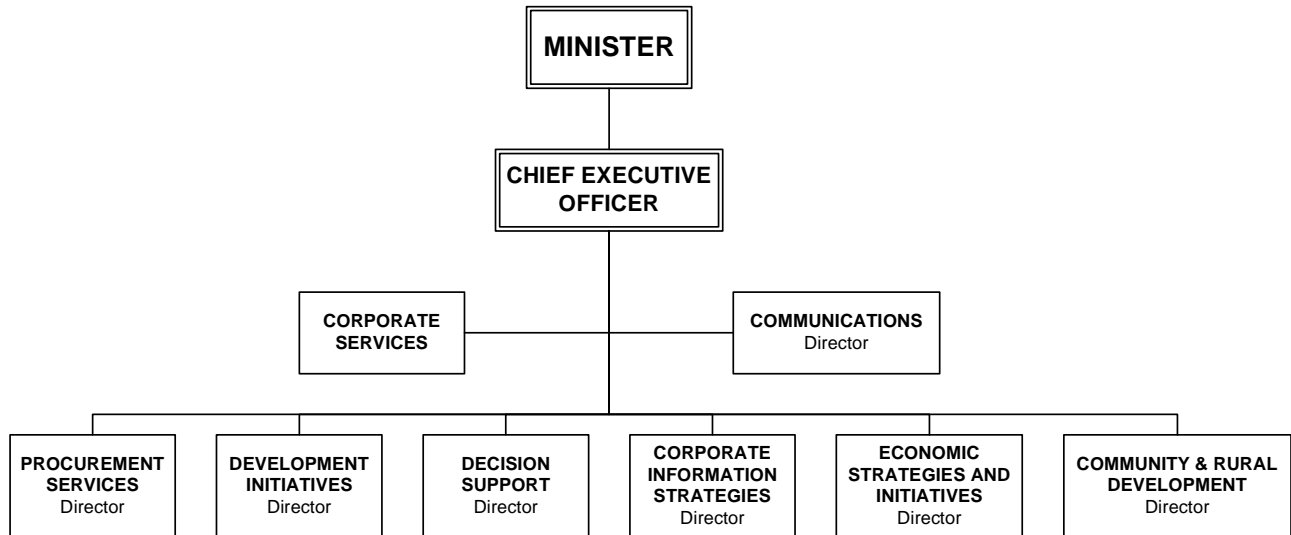


Office of Economic Development



Responsibilities

The Office of Economic Development (OED) is the focal point within the provincial government for advancing government’s economic, innovation, technology, and information agendas.

OED is responsible for creating the conditions to stimulate and sustain a thriving economy throughout the province of Nova Scotia and to support an accountable, efficient and effective public sector. To accomplish this, OED works with its partner agencies: InNOVAcorp, Nova Scotia Business Inc., Nova Scotia Film Development Corporation, Trade Centre Limited, Waterfront Development Corporation, as well as other agencies of government, to improve the business climate of Nova Scotia. OED also works with communities around the province to help build regional capacity for economic development. Through leadership, consultation, and coordination, OED makes optimum use of technology and information management to enhance the effectiveness of the public sector. OED also manages the consumption of goods, services, and construction for government to ensure government is publicly accountable, competitive and fair.

COMMUNITY AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

The Community and Rural Development (CARD) unit supports community leadership for effective regional development throughout the province by providing information, advice, and resources to provincial, regional, and local governments as well as to organizations. CARD also collects and distributes information and intelligence from these organizations for OED and its agencies.

DECISION SUPPORT

The Decision Support unit supports the management of OED by leading OED's business planning, performance measurement, and accountability processes and through knowledge management. The Decision Support unit also acts as a key point of contact between OED and its partners in the economic development, innovation, technology, and information systems.

DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

OED's Development Initiatives unit provides leadership, management, and analysis of specific economic opportunities in line with the province's economic growth strategy.

ECONOMIC STRATEGIES AND INITIATIVES

OED's Policies and Strategies unit provides research, analysis, and leadership for the development and implementation of government's projects and initiatives in economic development, innovation, technology, information policy and strategy development.

PROCUREMENT SERVICES

The Procurement Services unit is responsible for ensuring that the purchase of goods, services, construction and facilities is conducted in accordance with the principles specified in the *Government Procurement Policy*. Procurement provides service to all departments, agencies, boards and commissions in an open and fair process that provides the highest degree of competition and value to the province.

CORPORATE INFORMATION STRATEGIES

The Strategic Initiatives unit provides leadership, planning, management, research, analysis, and other support to advance the province's technology and information management strategies. It also provides project integration and management support to initiatives approved through the corporate planning process and supports a coordinated and integrated approach to project management across the system.

Agencies, Boards, Commissions under the responsibility of the Minister

InNOVAcorp
Nova Scotia Business Inc.
Nova Scotia Film Development Corporation
Trade Centre Limited
Waterfront Development Corporation

Acts Administered

Nova Scotia Film Development Corporation Act
Innovation Corporation Act
Nova Scotia Business Incorporated Act
Regional Community Development Act
Industrial Development Act
Internal Trade Agreement Implementation Act
Industry Closing Act

