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HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the
Legislative Assembly of Alberta, enacts as follows:

Definitions

1 In this Act,

- (a) "Authority" means the Alberta Economic Development Authority established under section 2;
- (b) "Board" means the Board of Management of the Authority established under section 2;
- (c) "Council" means the Economic Council of the Authority established under section 2;
- (d) "Executive" means the Executive of the Authority established under section 2;
- (e) "Minister" means the Minister determined under section 16 of the *Government Organization Act* as the Minister responsible for this Act.

Establishment
of AEDA

2(1) The Alberta Economic Development Authority is established, consisting of the members of the Executive, Board and Council.

(2) The Executive of the Authority consists of

- (a) the Premier of Alberta, who is the Executive Chair,
- (b) the Minister, who is the Executive Vice-chair, and
- (c) any other persons appointed as Chairs by the Minister.

(3) The Board of Management of the Authority consists of

- (a) the Executive, and
- (b) any other persons appointed as members of the Board by the Minister.

(4) The Economic Council of the Authority consists of

- (a) the Executive, and
- (b) any other persons appointed as members of the Council by the Minister.

(5) The Minister may prescribe the term of office of any member that the Minister appoints under this section.

(6) The members of the Authority may not receive remuneration except for reasonable living and travelling expenses, in an amount prescribed by the Minister, while away from their ordinary places of residence while exercising their powers as members of the Authority.

AEDA powers

3(1) The Authority may, with the approval of the Executive,

- (a) assist in the development of economic development strategy and priorities in Alberta;
- (b) advise, report to and make recommendations to the Executive Council of Alberta on matters relating to economic development in Alberta;
- (c) encourage public discussion through public consultation on matters relating to economic development in Alberta;
- (d) identify and review current and emerging issues and policies relating to economic development in Alberta;

- (e) carry out any other activities that the Executive Chair or the Authority considers appropriate.
- (2) The Authority in exercising its powers under subsection (1) may, if it has sufficient funds in its budget,
- (a) receive and hear submissions respecting economic development from individuals, businesses, universities and groups;
 - (b) undertake research on matters related to economic development;
 - (c) make referrals and recommendations to, and consult and collaborate with, all levels of Government, Government agencies, professional and trade associations, businesses, universities and other persons on matters affecting and concerning economic development in Alberta;
 - (d) with the approval of the Executive, publish reports, studies and recommendations that the Executive considers necessary.
- (3) The Authority may delegate any of its powers, except the power to make by-laws, to the Executive, Board or Council or to a committee of the Executive, Board or Council.

By-laws

4(1) The Authority may, with the approval of the Minister, make by-laws

- (a) establishing committees of the Authority, Executive, Board and Council;
 - (b) providing for quorums of the Authority, Executive, Board and Council and their committees;
 - (c) respecting the conduct of the business and affairs and conducting the meetings of the Authority, Executive, Board and Council and their committees.
- (2) The *Regulations Act* does not apply to by-laws made under subsection (1).

Staff

5 The Minister may provide administrative, secretarial and clerical services required by the Authority.

Annual report **6(1)** The Authority must submit to the Minister an annual report of its activities in a form acceptable to the Minister containing the information required by the Minister.

(2) On receipt of a report under subsection (1), the Minister must lay a copy of it before the Legislative Assembly if it is then sitting or, if it is not then sitting, within 15 days after the commencement of the next sitting.

Expiry **7(1)** *Notwithstanding section 81.1 of the Financial Administration Act, this Act expires on March 31, 2005 unless it is continued for a further period by an order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council.*

(2) *If this Act is continued for a further period by an order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, section 81.1 of the Financial Administration Act, if in force, applies to this Act during that further period.*