

FREE ENTERPRISE AND REGULATORY SYSTEMS

Strengthen our free enterprise system while providing a reasonable regulatory environment that protects our citizens.

A. UTAH WILL STREAMLINE ITS REGULATORY PROGRAMS FOR GREATER EFFICIENCY AND RESPONSIVENESS WITHOUT COMPROMISING ANY ASPECT OF THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC

1. Ensure that state and local licensing, permitting, and revenue collection processes, including the filing of tax returns, are accurate, timely, easy to understand, and easily accessible.

Performance Measures	1980	1990	1995	1996	1997	Target 2000	Target 2005	Target 2010
a. Average number of contacts required to complete regulatory licensing and permit issuance Insurance Department=Agent/Company Commerce Department Department of Health	3/5	1/5 2	1/4 8	1.2 6	1.2	5		
b. Average waiting time to obtain required licenses and permits Insurance Agent Insurance Company Commerce Department Department of Health	3 weeks	1 week 1 year 20 days	1 week 1 year 60 days	10 days 30 days	10 days 30 days			
c. Percent of the above functions that can be accessed by mail or FAX or phone Insurance Department=Agent/Company Commerce Department Department of Health		100/100 90	100/100 100	100 100	100 100			
d. Percent of licenses, permits, and forms that are accurate, timely, and easy to understand Insurance (Agent) Commerce Department Department of Health	100	100	100 90	100 90	100 95			
e. Number of company licenses by the Insurance Department Company Agent	18,000 1432	18,130 1616	19,000 1508					
f. Number of examinations performed by the Insurance Department	20 (1985)	15 (1992)	20			24	28	30

Performance Measures	1980	1990	1995	1996	1997	Target 2000	Target 2005	Target 2010
g. Amount of domestic statutory deposits (in millions)	\$21 (1985)	\$43.7 (1992)	\$45			\$47	\$50	\$52

The Tax Commission is currently under-going a major overhaul of its major systems and processes. This long-term initiative is called UTAX. The project will entail replacing the largest tax systems, and the motor vehicle registration system. This effort will also include the redesign of processes that will result in improved customer service, and processing efficiency .

This project should make significant improvements to the Utah Tomorrow goals listed in this section of the plan; specifically, in Objective A, and Strategies 1 and 3. UTAX will produces results that will include "providing more accurate, timely, easy to understand, and easily accessible tax and motor vehicle forms, systems, and processes". And, it will "improve the timeliness and convenience of payment of taxes and fees".

As the project progresses, additional goals and performance measurements will be provided by the Tax Commission.

2. Ensure the financial integrity of state regulated banking and insurance entities.

Performance Measures	1980	1985	1990	1992	Target 1995	Target 2000	Target 2005	Target 2010
a. Number of examinations performed: Insurance Department		20		15	20	24	28	30

3. Improve the timeliness and convenience of payment of taxes and fees for regulatory programs.

Performance Measures	1980	1990	1994	1995	1996	1997	2000	2005	2010
a. Percent of taxes and fees that can be paid by credit or debit card:									
Insurance Department	0%	0%	0%						
Commerce Department	0%	0%	0%		100%	100%			
Financial Institutions	0%	0%	0%						

4. Review state and local regulatory licensing and permit procedures on a regular basis.

Performance Measures	1980	1990	Target 1995	1996	Target 2000	Target 2005	Target 2010
a. Percent of licensing and permit procedures reviewed each year							
Insurance Department=Agent/Company	75/75	75/75	90/90		100	100	100
Department of Health			90	95			

5. Assure consumers that products and services are clean, safe, wholesome, and properly labeled and measured or weighed.

Performance Measures	1980	1990	1994	1995	2000	2005	2010
a. Percent of public swimming facilities that meet water bacteriological standards				70%			
b. Percent of products and services in compliance with state law and rules:							
Food establishments		2048/98%	2094/98%				
Gasoline dispensers			1039/96%				
Weighing devices			7914/95%				
Pesticide applicators		4500/99%					
Meat processor reviews performed		529/98%	538/97%				
Dairy farms		693/98%	637/98%				
Dairy manufacturing plants		31/100%	35/99%				
Animal feed products tested			n/a				
Seed samples tested	1515/88%	731/79%	634/91%				
Ground beef samples tested for %fat	1786	895					
Disease free status							
Cattle (brucellosis)		52501/.09%	53581/.07%				
Swine (pseudorabies)		2339/0%	2339/0%				
Lost livestock returned	2145	2867	2624				

6. Reduce insurance related fraud in Utah.

Performance Measures	1980	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010

B. UTAH WILL ELIMINATE UNNECESSARY PUBLIC COMPETITION WITH PRIVATE PROVIDERS OF THE SAME SERVICES

1. Privatize state and local services when the private sector can effectively and appropriately provide the function at or below the present government cost.
2. Support the efforts of the Utah Privatization Policy Board to identify appropriate areas for privatization.

Performance Measures	1980	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010

C. UTAHNS WILL BE PREPARED TO SUCCEED IN THE FREE ENTERPRISE MARKETPLACE

1. Increase education of Utahns regarding entrepreneurship, free enterprise, investments, and consumer protection.

Performance Measures	1980	1990	1993	1995	2000	2005	2010
a. Percent of high school seniors who understand basic concepts of entrepreneurship and the free enterprise system							
b. Number of completed internships							
c. Number of consumers participating in consumer education programs			1300				
d. Number of consumer education presentations			52				

2. Survey and publish the demand for, and requirements of, short and long range employment needs.

Performance Measures	1980	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010
a. Percent of Utahns who have ready access to current information regarding job market needs and opportunities						

3. Achieve a sufficient number of appropriately trained workers.

Performance Measures	1980	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010
a. Percent of job opportunities for which the Utah workforce is unable to provide appropriately trained candidates						