

Appendix A: Index of Actions

	Action	Priority	Participants	Funding	When
Small Business Development					
. Encourage entrepreneurship					
.1	Disseminate program information	Must	City of Houston, gov't agencies, and other appropriate public/private organizations	Public/private funds	Initiate mid-1995; ongoing thereafter
.2	Entrepreneurial education -- financing	Must	City of Houston, banks, gov't agencies, and other appropriate public/private organizations	Public/private funds	Initiate mid-1995; ongoing thereafter
. Promote access to venture capital & incubator programs.					
.1	Establish community-based small business incubators.	Must	City of Houston, Houston Small Business Development Center, Entrepreneurial development center, appropriate city agencies,	Public/private funds, fees, royalties	Initiate mid-1995; ongoing thereafter
Community Revitalization					
. Create opportunities for capital investment to revitalize blighted and declining areas					
.1	Establish Development Corporation	Must	Mayor of Houston, private development community, Community-Based Development Organizations, Greater Houston Partnership	Involved agencies	Initiate immediately
.2	Develop infrastructure finance policy	Must	Mayor, City Council, City/County agencies	Involved agencies	Develop policies during Mar.-Oct. 1995 to be implemented in FY1996
.3	Community-based development policy	Must	Mayor, City Council, City/County agencies, United Way, TX Community Development Association, Community-based Development Organizations (CBDO)	Involved agencies	Develop policies during Mar.-Oct. 1995 to be implemented in FY1997
.4	Establish process & guidelines for funding community-based revitalization projects	Must	Mayor, City Council, City/County agencies, United Way, TX Community Development Association, Community-based Development Organizations (CBDO)	Involved agencies	Develop policies during Mar.-Oct. 1995 to be implemented in FY1998
.5	Neighborhood conditions database	Could	City of Houston (P&D, H&CD, PW&E, Greater Houston Wastewater Program)	Involved agencies	Develop during Mar.-Oct. 1995
.6	Tap foundations to increase \$\$ for community revitalization	Could	[Delegated to SC]	[Delegated to SC]	[Delegated to SC]
.7	Publish "Guide to Local Development Process"	Must	City of Houston (P&D, H&CD, PW&E, Greater Houston Wastewater Program), County agencies	Involved agencies	Develop during Mar.-Oct. 1995
Workforce Development					
. Promote investment in our human resources to create a workforce that is prepared for the future					
.1	Comprehensive Electronic Information Network (CEIN)	Must	City of Houston, Texas Employment Commission, TECHFORCE 2000, Houston Works, community organizations, education institutions, & business	Federal/state grants, involved agencies, private donations	Long-term; initiate in 1995

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.2	Assess Houston's training & employment services needs	Could	City of Houston, Texas Employment Commission, TECHFORCE 2000, Houston Works, community organizations, education institutions, private training providers & business	Primarily Federal & State grants	Initiate mid/late 1995; complete in 1996
.3	Increase business involvement in training & employment services programs	Should	Mayor of Houston, Greater Houston Partnership, HoustonWorks, Texas Employment Commission, United Way, TECHFORCE 2000	None required	Initiate in mid-1995
.4	Separate section for training & employment services in phone directory	Could	Southwestern Bell, Texas Employment Commission, TECHFORCE 2000, Houston Works, community organizations, education institutions, business & private training providers	None required	Initiate in mid-1995; publish in next directory
.5	Establish Network of Community Centers	Should	City of Houston, Texas Employment Commission, TECHFORCE 2000, Houston Works, community organizations, education	Involved agencies, public-private partnerships	Initiate in 3rd quarter-1995
.6	Public school classes in job search, entrepreneurship, and self-assessment.	Should	Greater Houston Partnership, other Chambers of Commerce, public & private schools, Association of Proprietary Schools, & University of Houston Small Business	Federal/State grants; private contributions	Initiate mid-1995; implement fall, 1996
.7	Streamline program intake procedures	Should	Texas Employment Commission, U.S. Dept of Labor, Houston Works, private training	Involved agencies	Initiate 3rd quarter-1995
.8	Lobby to change state law to let high schools do contract training for businesses.	Could	Mayor of Houston, State legislators, local mayors & council representatives	Involved parties	Initiate 3rd quarter-1996
.9	Expand occupational training programs	Could	Texas Employment Commission, U.S. Dept of Labor, Houston Works, private training providers, & TECHFORCE 2000	Federal/State program funds	Initiate 3rd quarter-1997

Public/Private Partnerships

. Identify & coordinate existing partnerships, and develop innovative partnerships to serve unmet needs in the areas of business growth, workforce quality, education and development, and technology transfer

.1	Houston Resource Register -- database of private/public small business assistance & development groups.	Must	City of Houston, Houston Business Council, Services Cooperative Association, H-GAC, REDCC, One-Stop Business Center, Houston Federal Executive Board/Minority Business Opportunity Organization, Women's Chamber of Commerce, Private lenders, et al.	Involved agencies, public/private funds	Initiate mid-1995; ongoing thereafter
.2	Resource Center/Database on small business, workforce development and community revitalization programs accessible to potential users	Must	City of Houston, GHP, gov't agencies, businesses, nonprofit & community-based orgs., and University of Houston Small business Development Center	Involved agencies	Initiate mid-1995; ongoing thereafter

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.3	Economic Development Forum	Must	City of Houston, GHP, gov't agencies, businesses, and nonprofit & community-based orgs.	Involved agencies	Initiate mid-1995; ongoing thereafter