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GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER

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Secretary of State
Frankfort
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RELATING TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

WHEREAS, during the 2005/2006 school year Kentucky's K-12 public schools spent almost $120 million on building utility and fuel costs; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth spends about $310 million annually for new school construction and builds about 28 new K-12 schools annually; and

WHEREAS, we can design and construct Energy Star certified buildings that will consume at least 30 percent less energy than conventional buildings; and

WHEREAS, Energy Star is a joint program of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy designed to help consumers and businesses save money and protect the environment through energy efficient products and practices; and

WHEREAS, it will benefit both the environment and consumers in Kentucky to increase awareness of the advantages of purchasing Energy Star products; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Planning Advisory Board is responsible for preparing a comprehensive statewide capital improvements plan and making funding recommendations to the head of each branch of state government on state spending for capital projects; and

WHEREAS, advances in building science and newer materials, techniques and practices allow us to design and construct buildings that are healthier, more energy efficient, cheaper to operate and more sustainable; and

WHEREAS, at least 20 states and 18 federal agencies have, by legislation, regulation or policy, mandated the adoption of sustainability criteria in the design and construction of new public buildings.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Ernie Fletcher, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, under the authority vested in me by the Kentucky Constitution, Sections 69 and 81 of the Kentucky Constitution, and the laws of the Commonwealth, do hereby **ORDER** and **DIRECT** the following:

I. The Kentucky Department of Education to assist School Districts in designing and planning high performance, energy-efficient school facilities that can be ENERGY STAR certified.

II. The Kentucky Department of Education formally request that the Capital Planning Advisory Board develop or adopt recommended practices or guidelines incorporating energy efficiency and high performance criteria for the design and

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construction of all new government and public university buildings.

III. The Public Service Commission to complete the ongoing Congressional mandate under the Energy Policy Act of 2005 regarding smart metering.

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