Brad Henry
Governor

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2009-11

I, Brad Henry, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, by the authority vested in me pursuant to Sections 1 and 2 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution, hereby appoint the Oklahoma Homeland Security Director as the State Continuity Coordinator and establish the Governor’s Continuity Policy Coordination Committee.

Individual agencies are charged with the development of facility-specific continuity of operations (COOP) plans. By establishing a process to coordinate among and across individual agency COOP plans, the State of Oklahoma can better ensure its continuity of government (COG) during any catastrophic emergency or widespread disaster. By providing that the Oklahoma Homeland Security Director shall serve as the Statewide Continuity Coordinator, the Coordinator shall be responsible for coordinating the development and implementation of state continuity policies. This will help ensure a comprehensive and integrated state continuity program that will enhance the credibility of our security posture and enable a more rapid, effective and coordinated response to and recovery from a catastrophic emergency or widespread disaster.

The purpose of the Committee shall be the development of a State Continuity Implementation Plan, which shall include prioritized goals and objectives, a concept of operations, establish a process for determining state essential functions and primary mission essential functions, performance metrics by which to measure continuity readiness, procedures for ensuring accountability, procedures for continuity and incident management activities, and clear direction to executive department and agency continuity coordinators, as well as guidance to promote interoperability of State Government continuity programs and procedures with State, local, territorial and tribal governments and private sector owners and operators of critical infrastructure, as appropriate. The State Continuity Coordinator and the Committee shall ensure that plans for Oklahoma’s Continuity of Government, agency Continuity of Operations, and the Plan are consistent with Federal Continuity Directives to the extent possible and practicable.

The Committee shall consist of one designee from each Cabinet Secretary (Adjuntant General, Agriculture, Commerce and Tourism, Energy, Environment, Health, Human Resources and Administration, Human Services, Public Safety, Science and Technology, State, Transportation, Treasury, and Veterans Affairs), one designee from
the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management, one designee from the Office of State Finance, one designee appointed by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, one designee appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and one designee appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. Other Committee members may be appointed at the discretion and pleasure of the Governor.

Administrative support for the Committee, including, but not limited to, personnel necessary to ensure the proper performance of the duties and responsibilities of the Committee shall be provided by the Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security. All participating state agencies and entities shall provide for any administrative support requested by the Committee.

The Committee shall meet at such times and places as it deems appropriate. Members shall serve without compensation. Committee members employed by a state agency shall be reimbursed travel expenses related to their service on the Committee as authorized by state law by their respective state agency. Legislative members of the Committee shall be reimbursed by their respective legislative bodies for necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as authorized by state law. Remaining Committee members shall be reimbursed travel expenses related to their service on the Committee as authorized by state law by the Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security.

The Committee shall submit a Plan to the Governor, President Pro Tempore, and Speaker of the House no later than December 1, 2009.

This Executive Order shall be distributed to all members of the Governor’s Cabinet and the Oklahoma Homeland Security Director who shall cause the provisions of this order to be implemented.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, this 9th day of March, 2009.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

BRAD HENRY

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE