

## Targets

To measure progress and mark successes of the Better Regulation Initiative, establishment of measures and targets is critical. The following targets have been established for the Initiative. Additional measures will be developed to track other Initiative milestones.

- Reduce administrative burden by 20% by 2010
- Ensure applications for licenses, permits, approvals turned around within 10 business days (excluding exemptions) by 2010
- Ensure 80% of regulatory programs have compliance promotion plans in place by 2010
- Provide training for all inspectors by 2010
- Federal, provincial, municipal requirements for 80% of sectors and 80% of municipalities available through BizPal by 2009

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Better Regulation Initiative

# Better Regulation Initiative Strategic Plan



Outlook to 2010



The Better Regulation Initiative (BRI) is the Government of Nova Scotia's ongoing commitment to the continuous improvement of our regulatory systems. The aim of the Initiative is to keep the benefits of regulation—protection for citizens, communities, the environment—while making it easier to do business in Nova Scotia.

## VISION

Our good regulatory practice contributes to a prosperous business climate and ensures that citizens, communities and the environment are well protected

## GOALS

- Improve the competitive position of Nova Scotia business
- Improve protection for the public and the environment
- Build a culture of regulatory quality and continuous improvement across government

## STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

1

*Reduce the effort for business to comply with regulations*

### Priorities & Strategies

- Provide one-window access through BizPal for business to identify requirements that apply to them (federal, provincial, municipal)
- Inventory administrative requirements
- Reduce administrative burden by 20%
- Rationalize forms in all regulatory departments
- Set service standards for licenses, permits, approvals applications and associated targets
- Inventory all licenses, permits, approvals and respective turnaround times
- Identify licenses, permits and approvals that will have associated service guarantees
- Streamline regulations in specific business sectors
- Identify priority regulatory burden areas and develop plans to address them in consultation with business

## STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

2

*Improve Quality of Regulations*

### Priorities & Strategies

- Develop and implement consistent regulatory management processes in all departments
- Develop and implement tools and processes to ensure quality control of regulatory proposals
- Update Red Tape Reduction checklist
- Complete Registry of Regulations Revision and Consolidation Project
- Facilitate legislative amendments supporting better regulation
- Build strong network of regulatory coordinators and expertise across departments
- Provide training and support to departments on regulatory practices

## STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

3

*Increase Compliance with Regulations*

### Priorities & Strategies

- Identify and communicate range of compliance promotion tools
- Establish government-wide principles for compliance assurance
- Communicate regulatory requirements clearly and ensure they are accessible to business
- Roll out inspector training developed with NSCC to inspectors across departments

## STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

4

*Report and Demonstrate Progress*

### Priorities & Strategies

- Report annually on Better Regulation successes and progress toward targets
- Meet with business leaders group at least 3 times per year to raise awareness and promote engagement with Better Regulation
- Ensure information about consultations and proposed regulation is available to the public
- Communicate priorities broadly and effectively, inside and outside of government
- Engage citizens and interest groups in Better Regulation Initiative
- Develop and promote Better Regulation website to expand awareness and encourage feedback
- Undertake periodic surveys in conjunction with Statistics Canada to assess progress