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AN ACT establishing the "Gateway Development Commission Act"; and to amend the civil service law and the transportation law, in relation to facilitating the creation of the gateway development commission

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as
2 the "Gateway Development Commission Act".

3 § 2. Gateway Development Commission. 1.(a) Legislative findings and
4 intent. The legislature finds and declares: that the states of New
5 Jersey and New York and their respective citizens share a common inter-
6 est to preserve the functionality and strengthen the resiliency of long-
7 distance and commuter rail infrastructure between New Jersey and New
8 York, including passenger rail infrastructure owned, controlled or
9 utilized by the National Railroad Passenger Corporation, also known as
10 "Amtrak"; that the two states and their respective citizens share the
11 benefits of the existing interstate passenger rail infrastructure
12 between the two states, including the existing North River tunnel; that
13 interstate passenger rail service and infrastructure is vital to the
14 economies of New Jersey and New York; that, because of the passage of
15 time and damage caused by natural disasters, both states recognize the
16 existing interstate passenger rail infrastructure, including the exist-
17 ing North River tunnel, is at risk of system failures that could result
18 in prolonged service disruptions that would severely damage the econo-
19 mies of the two states and many other portions of the economy of the
20 northeast corridor; that both states recognize the urgent need to under-
21 take projects necessary to create additional passenger rail capacity
22 under the Hudson River, rehabilitate passenger rail infrastructure,
23 maintain current levels of long-distance and commuter rail service
24 between the two states and provide additional reliability, safety and

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 security; that the citizens of both states will share the benefits of
2 expanded capacity and rehabilitated passenger rail infrastructure
3 between the two states; and that there has been a long history of coop-
4 eration among state and local governmental entities, Amtrak and various
5 private organizations and individuals in the two states to ensure the
6 preservation of a variety of passenger rail service options.

7 (b) The legislature therefore determines that the state of New Jersey
8 and the state of New York shall equally divide the financial burdens
9 that constitute the local share of the total costs of the Gateway
10 Program, with 50 percent of the local share to be paid by each state,
11 and further determines that there is a need to endorse and formalize
12 that bi-state cooperative effort to help ensure that the functionality
13 of long-distance and commuter rail infrastructure between New Jersey and
14 New York and throughout the northeast corridor is preserved and main-
15 tained for the benefit of the economies of New Jersey and New York and
16 for the well-being of present and future generations of citizens in both
17 states; and that the creation of a bi-state commission that shall be a
18 body corporate and politic established by the states of New Jersey and
19 New York, acting in the public interest and exercising essential govern-
20 mental functions, is an appropriate means to accomplish these very
21 important goals and is not intended to impair, limit, diminish, or
22 otherwise affect any right, power, or jurisdiction of the United States
23 of America or any department, branch, agency, court, bureau, or other
24 instrumentality thereof with respect to any matter, or grant or confer
25 any right or power on such bi-state commission, or any officer or trustee
26 thereof, to regulate commerce between the states.

27 (c) It is the intention of the legislature that the commission consti-
28 tutes an institution which has been established by the states to effec-
29 tuate a public purpose and is therefore eligible to apply for financial
30 assistance from the United States government, including the agencies
31 thereof.

32 2. Definitions. Except where different meanings are expressly speci-
33 fied in subsequent provisions of this section, the following terms shall
34 have the following meanings:

35 (a) "Act" means the Gateway Development Commission act.

36 (b) "Amtrak" means the National Railroad Passenger Corporation, a
37 corporation organized under 49 U.S.C. § 24101 et. Seq. and the laws of
38 the District of Columbia.

39 (c) "Board" means the board of commissioners of the commission.

40 (d) "Commission" means the gateway development commission which is
41 established pursuant to this act.

42 (e) "Committee" or "committees" means any standing committee estab-
43 lished by the board tasked with, including, but not limited to, the
44 audit responsibility, governance responsibility, and finance responsi-
45 bility required to be established pursuant to this act.

46 (f) "Facilitate" or "facilitation" means the planning, designing,
47 construction, reconstruction, replacement, approval of works, rehabili-
48 tation, repair, alteration, improvement, extension, and management of
49 matters directly associated with the Gateway Program.

50 (g) "Full Funding" means the sum of commitments to fund, from sources
51 deemed by the commission to be creditworthy, plus commission cash-on-
52 hand, plus such other sources of funding deemed certain to be available
53 as and when required, found by the commission to be sufficient to facil-
54 itate the Gateway Program.

55 (h) "Gateway Program" means a series of passenger rail transportation
56 projects between Penn Station, Newark, New Jersey and Penn Station, New

1 York, New York that consists of the following component projects: the
2 Hudson Tunnel project; the Portal North Bridge project; the Portal South
3 Bridge project; the Hudson Yards right-of-way preservation project; the
4 Sawtooth Bridge replacement project; the Moynihan Station construction
5 and Penn Station rehabilitation project; the Secaucus Loop project; the
6 Secaucus Junction renovation and expansion project; and the Penn Station
7 South project.

8 (i) "Hudson Tunnel project" means a project to construct a new two-
9 track Hudson River rail tunnel from New Jersey to Manhattan that will
10 directly serve Penn Station New York and to rehabilitate the existing
11 North River Tunnel.

12 (j) "Hudson Yards right-of-way preservation project" means a project
13 to preserve the right-of-way under the Hudson Yards in Manhattan through
14 the construction of two underground tubes to connect the new two-track
15 Hudson River rail tunnel with existing rail infrastructure at Penn
16 Station New York and new rail infrastructure associated with the Penn
17 Station South project.

18 (k) "Meeting" means any gathering, whether corporeal or by means of
19 communication equipment, which is attended by, or open to, the board,
20 held with the intent, on the part of the commissioners present, to act
21 as a unit upon the specific public business of the commission. "Meeting"
22 does not mean a gathering (i) attended by less than a quorum of commis-
23 sioners; (ii) in which the board is engaged in ordinary course super-
24 vision of commission staff; (iii) in which consideration of commission
25 business matters are informally discussed without the intent or effect
26 of effectuating any action of the commission; or (iv) a convention or
27 similar gathering.

28 (l) "Moynihan Station construction and Penn Station rehabilitation
29 project" means a project to convert the James A. Farley Post Office
30 building in Manhattan to a train station and to connect the newly
31 converted train station to New York Penn Station, in conjunction with
32 renovations to the rail infrastructure at New York Penn Station.

33 (m) "News media" means persons representing major wire services, tele-
34 vision news services, radio news services, and newspapers, whether
35 located in the state of New York or New Jersey or any other state.

36 (n) "Penn Station South project" means a project to construct a new
37 train station south of the existing New York Penn Station that connects
38 to New York Penn Station and accommodates additional rail capacity into
39 Manhattan from New Jersey.

40 (o) "Portal North Bridge project" means a project to replace the
41 existing Portal Bridge over the Hackensack River between Secaucus and
42 Kearny, New Jersey with a new, high-level, two-track fixed rail bridge.

43 (p) "Portal South Bridge project" means a project to construct a new,
44 high-level, two-track fixed rail bridge over the Hackensack River
45 between Secaucus and Kearny, New Jersey at a location south of the
46 Portal North Bridge.

47 (q) "Public business" means matters which relate in any way, directly
48 or indirectly, to the performance of the functions of the commission or
49 the conduct of its business.

50 (r) "Sawtooth Bridge replacement project" means a project to replace
51 the two-track rail bridges carrying the Northeast Corridor line at a
52 location northeast of Kearny Junction where the Northeast Corridor line
53 intersects with the Newark Turnpike and Belleville Turnpike with new
54 four-track rail bridges and to replace the existing Sawtooth Bridge with
55 a new four-track rail bridge.

1 (s) "Secaucus Loop project" means a project to construct new rail
2 infrastructure near Secaucus Junction to connect the New Jersey Transit
3 Corporation's Main-Bergen County Line and Pascack Valley Line and the
4 Metro-North Commuter Railroad's Port Jervis Line with the Northeast
5 Corridor Line.

6 (t) "Secaucus Junction renovation and expansion project" means a
7 project to construct two additional tracks along the land-based portions
8 of the Northeast Corridor line from Newark, New Jersey to Manhattan and
9 to expand the tracks and platforms at Secaucus Junction to accommodate
10 additional rail traffic that is anticipated as a result of other compo-
11 nent projects of the Gateway Program.

12 3. Creation of the commission; purposes. (a) There is hereby created
13 the Gateway Development Commission, a body corporate and politic estab-
14 lished by the states of New Jersey and New York, which shall be deemed
15 to be acting in the public interest and exercising essential government
16 functions in taking action hereunder and which shall be a public author-
17 ity and a government sponsored authority. The purposes of the commission
18 shall include the following:

19 (1) facilitate the Gateway Program;

20 (2) serve the mutual interests of the state of New Jersey, the state
21 of New York and Amtrak by coordinating governmental entities, Amtrak and
22 private entities providing assistance to the Gateway Program or other-
23 wise regulating the Gateway Program, with a view to achieving full fund-
24 ing, and encourage and enable such parties to participate in the facili-
25 tation of the Gateway Program;

26 (3) act as a lead agency for the facilitation of the Gateway Program
27 and to act as the recipient of all Gateway Program funds and as the
28 project lead for all component projects of the Gateway Program, unless
29 one of the other partner agencies or entities is designated as the
30 project sponsor. The commission is hereby intended to qualify for,
31 authorized, and empowered to apply for and accept, financial assistance,
32 loans, grants or any other funding for such purposes under federal,
33 state or local laws, and to make application directly to the appropriate
34 officials or agencies for the application for and receipt of federal,
35 state or local assistance, loans, grants or any other funding in aid of
36 any of the purposes of this act;

37 (4) pursue efforts to assist federal or state agencies and other enti-
38 ties to fulfill their goals set forth in federal law or the laws of the
39 state of New York or the state of New Jersey to further passenger rail
40 transportation between the states, including 49 U.S.C. s.24901, et seq. ;
41 and

42 (5) take any and all actions authorized by this act which are or may
43 be necessary or appropriate to constitute and maintain itself as an
44 applicant eligible to qualify to apply for and be awarded financial
45 assistance, loans, grants or other funding as may be available for the
46 Gateway Program, including that awarded by federal, state and local
47 governments and the agencies thereof.

48 (b) Officers. The officers of the commission shall be a chairperson, a
49 vice chairperson, a chief executive officer, a general counsel, a chief
50 financial officer, a chief ethics and compliance officer, an inspector
51 general, a treasurer, a comptroller, and a secretary. Each officer shall
52 be selected by the board of commissioners.

53 4. Board of commissioners. (a) The commission shall consist of nine
54 commissioners, three resident voters from the state of New York, three
55 resident voters from the state of New Jersey, and three individuals
56 appointed directly by the Amtrak board of directors. The commissioners

1 appointed by Amtrak shall serve to represent Amtrak's interest, as
2 owner-operator of the northeast corridor, in the work to be undertaken
3 by the commission. The New York commissioners shall be chosen by the
4 state of New York and the New Jersey commissioners shall be chosen by
5 the state of New Jersey in the manner and for the terms fixed and deter-
6 mined from time to time by the legislature of each state respectively.
7 Any commissioner appointed to the board shall have experience in one or
8 more of the following areas: transportation, public administration,
9 business management, finance, accounting, law, engineering, land use,
10 urban and regional planning, management of large capital projects, labor
11 relations, or have experience in some other area of activity central to
12 the mission of the commission.

13 (b) Commissioners shall serve without compensation, but the commission
14 may, within the limits of funds appropriated or otherwise made available
15 to it, reimburse commissioners for actual expenses necessarily incurred
16 in the discharge of their official duties.

17 (c) The commissioners from the state of New Jersey and the commission-
18 ers from the state of New York shall be indemnified by the state of New
19 Jersey and the state of New York, respectively, to the same extent as
20 such state indemnifies a public officer for any claim or judgment aris-
21 ing out of such public officer's official duties.

22 (d) Each commissioner may be removed or suspended from office as
23 provided by the law of the state from which that commissioner is
24 appointed.

25 (e) No commissioner, including the chairperson, shall serve as the
26 commission's chief executive officer, general counsel, chief financial
27 officer, chief ethics and compliance officer, inspector general, comp-
28 troller, or secretary, or hold any other equivalent position while serv-
29 ing as a commissioner.

30 (f) Oath of office. The commissioners shall promulgate a commission-
31 er's oath of office in consultation with the chief ethics and compliance
32 officer. Each commissioner and officer shall, before entering upon the
33 duties of his or her office, take and subscribe the constitutional oath
34 of office. The oaths of office shall be filed in the office of the
35 commission. No person shall be eligible for appointment or shall hold
36 the office of commissioner or be appointed to, or hold, any office or
37 position under the commission, who holds any official relation to any
38 person or corporation related to the mission of the commission, or who
39 owns stocks or bonds of any such corporation.

40 (g) Commissioner statement. At the time that a commissioner takes and
41 subscribes the commissioner's oath of office, the commissioner shall
42 execute a statement declaring that the commissioner understands the
43 commissioner's independence and fiduciary obligation to perform duties
44 and responsibilities to the best of the commissioner's abilities, in
45 good faith and with proper diligence and care which an ordinarily
46 prudent person in like position would use under similar circumstances
47 and may take into consideration the views and policies of any elected
48 officials or bodies and ultimately apply independent judgment in the
49 best interest of the commission, its mission, and the public, consistent
50 with this enabling statute, mission, and by laws of the commission and
51 the applicable laws of both states; and that the fiduciary duty to the
52 commission is derived from and governed by its mission.

53 (h) Board training. Individuals appointed to the board of commission-
54 ers shall participate in training approved by the chief ethics and
55 compliance officer in consultation with the inspector general of the
56 commission regarding their legal, fiduciary, financial and ethical

1 responsibilities as commissioners of the commission within six months of
2 appointment to the commission. The commissioners shall participate in
3 continuing training as may be required to remain informed of best prac-
4 tices, regulatory and statutory changes relating to the effective over-
5 sight of the management and financial activities of commissions or
6 public authorities and adhere to the highest standards of responsible
7 governance.

8 (i) Recusals. (i) A commissioner shall not vote on or participate in
9 any board or committee discussions or decisions with respect to an item
10 if the commissioner, a member of the commissioner's immediate family, or
11 a business in which the commissioner has an interest, has a direct or
12 indirect financial involvement that may reasonably be expected to impair
13 the commissioner's objectivity or independent judgment or that may
14 reasonably create the appearance of impropriety. A commissioner shall
15 report such a need for recusal to the general counsel when it arises.
16 The public shall be informed of any recusals prior to any board action
17 and the minutes shall clearly reflect that recusal. (ii) For the
18 purposes of this subdivision: (1) "immediate family" means a spouse,
19 parent, child, or sibling; and (2) "interest" means if the business
20 organization is a partnership, the board member or board member's imme-
21 diate family is a partner or owner of ten percent or more of the assets
22 of the partnership, or if the business organization is a corporation,
23 the board member or the board member's immediate family owns or controls
24 ten percent or more of the stock of the corporation, or serves as a
25 director or officer of the corporation.

26 (j) (i) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary,
27 the commissioners, officers, and employees of the commission shall file
28 annual financial disclosure statements as provided in this section.

29 (ii) (1) The commissioners appointed by the state of New York shall
30 file annual financial disclosure statements pursuant to section 73-a of
31 the public officers law.

32 (2) The commissioners appointed by the state of New Jersey shall file
33 annual financial disclosure statements as required by New Jersey state
34 law or executive order.

35 (3) In addition to the financial disclosures required of the commis-
36 sioners, financial disclosures of employees shall, at a minimum, be
37 required of the chief executive officer, the general counsel, the comp-
38 troller, the treasurer, and the inspector general, employees who hold
39 policy-making positions as determined by the general counsel of the
40 commission, and employees whose base salary, either in the current or
41 previous year, exceeds \$150,000, which shall be adjusted for inflation
42 annually in accordance with the consumer price index for all urban wage
43 earners and clerical workers (CPI-W) as calculated by the federal
44 government. The financial disclosures shall be updated not less than
45 annually and shall be made available on the commission's website.

46 5. Organization of the commission; meetings. (a) The chairperson of
47 the commission shall serve from among the commissioners appointed by the
48 state of New Jersey and the commissioners appointed by the state of New
49 York. The initial chairperson shall be one of the commissioners
50 appointed by the state of New York and shall serve a one-year term.
51 Following the initial one-year term, the chairperson shall be one of the
52 commissioners appointed by the state of New Jersey. Thereafter, the
53 chairpersonship shall alternate between commissioners from each state
54 with each chairperson serving for a one-year term. The commissioner who
55 shall serve as chairperson from each state shall be decided in accord-
56 ance with the laws of each respective state. One of the commissioners

1 appointed by Amtrak shall serve as vice chairperson, at the discretion
2 of the Amtrak board of directors.

3 (b) The commission shall meet regularly as it may determine. Meetings
4 shall be held at such times and places as the chairperson of the commis-
5 sion deems appropriate. To the maximum extent practicable, meetings
6 shall be held on an alternating basis in New Jersey and New York.

7 (c) The powers of the commission may be exercised by the commissioners
8 at a meeting duly noticed and held where a majority of commissioners are
9 present. Each party to the commission may cast one collective vote on
10 any motion, resolution, or other action of the board. The commissioners
11 appointed by the state of New York shall cast one collective vote in a
12 manner determined by the laws of the state of New York. The commis-
13 sioners appointed by the state of New Jersey shall cast one collective vote
14 in a manner determined by the laws of the state of New Jersey. The
15 commissioners appointed by the board of directors of Amtrak shall cast
16 one collective vote in a manner determined by the Amtrak board of direc-
17 tors. Action may be taken and motions and resolutions adopted by the
18 commission at any meeting thereof only through the unanimous affirmative
19 vote of each party to the commission. Each state reserves the right to
20 provide by law for the exercise of a veto power by the governor thereof
21 over any action of any commissioner appointed therefrom. The commis-
22 sioners shall adopt bylaws providing for attendance protocols, voting proce-
23 dures, and other matters related to the conduct of business by the
24 commission.

25 (d) Board committees. (i) The board of commissioners shall establish
26 a committee structure that shall include, but need not be limited to,
27 the following responsibilities:

28 (1) a governance responsibility to be assigned to a committee
29 comprised of not fewer than three commissioners who shall possess the
30 necessary skills to undertake the governance duties and functions. Such
31 committee shall be comprised of not fewer than one commissioner
32 appointed by each appointing party. It shall be the responsibility of
33 the members of this committee to: keep the board informed of current
34 best governance practices; review corporate governance trends; update
35 the commission's corporate governance principles; examine ethical and
36 conflict of interest issues; perform board self-evaluations; investigate
37 term limits, reappointments, and board responsibilities; develop by laws
38 which include rules and procedures for the conduct of board business;
39 and advise the commission on the skills and experiences required of
40 potential commissioners;

41 (2) an audit responsibility to be assigned to a committee comprised of
42 not fewer than three commissioners and who shall possess the necessary
43 skills to undertake the audit duties and functions. Such committee shall
44 be comprised of not fewer than one commissioner appointed by each
45 appointing party. It shall be the responsibility of the members of this
46 committee to: recommend to the board the hiring of an independent firm
47 of certified public accountants to audit the financial statements of the
48 commission; establish the compensation to be paid to the accounting
49 firm; and provide direct oversight of the annual independent financial
50 audit performed by the accounting firm hired for auditing purposes.
51 Members of this committee shall be familiar with corporate financial and
52 accounting practices and shall be financially literate about applicable
53 financial laws, rules, regulations, and standard industry practices; and

54 (3) a finance responsibility to be assigned to a committee comprised
55 of not fewer than three commissioners and who shall possess the neces-
56 sary skills to undertake the finance duties and functions. Such commit-

1 tee shall be comprised of not fewer than one commissioner appointed by
2 each appointing party. It shall be the responsibility of the members of
3 this committee to oversee and approve the issuance of debt that the
4 commission or its subsidiaries issue.

5 (ii) Every committee established by the board of commissioners shall
6 promulgate a written charter to be approved by the board. Each charter
7 promulgated in accordance with this subparagraph shall be made available
8 to the public and posted on the commission's website.

9 (e) The commission may request the assistance and services of such
10 employees and agents as it may require and as may be made available to
11 it for the purpose of carrying out its duties under this act, which
12 agents may include private consultants and persons employed by or acting
13 as a consultant for the federal government, the state of New Jersey, any
14 local government thereof, the state of New York, any local government
15 thereof, any agency, instrumentality, department, commission or authori-
16 ty of any one or more of the foregoing, any bi-state agency, or of
17 Amtrak, and each such government and enumerated party is authorized to
18 provide any such assistance and services to the commission.

19 (f) The commission may, within the limits of funds appropriated or
20 otherwise made available to it for those purposes, employ such profes-
21 sional, technical, clerical staff and consultants and incur such
22 expenses as it may deem necessary or appropriate in order to perform its
23 duties.

24 (g) The commission shall adopt and promulgate appropriate bylaws,
25 rules and regulations concerning the right of the public to be present
26 at meetings of the commission and to obtain records of the commission's
27 activities or public business. Any rules or regulations adopted here-
28 under shall become a part of the minutes of the commission and be posted
29 on its website.

30 (h) The commission shall:

31 (i) adopt a mission statement that the commission's mission is to
32 serve the mutual interests of the state of New Jersey, the state of New
33 York and Amtrak by facilitating the Gateway Program;

34 (ii) adopt a code of conduct applicable to commissioners, employees,
35 and vendors and other contractors with the commission based upon the
36 recommendations of the chief ethics and compliance officer that shall,
37 at a minimum, include the applicable standards established by law in
38 each state;

39 (iii) establish a whistleblower access and assistance program protect-
40 ing employees from retaliation for disclosing information concerning
41 acts of wrongdoing, misconduct, malfeasance, or other inappropriate
42 conduct based upon the recommendations of the chief ethics and compli-
43 ance officer;

44 (iv) establish a policy requiring all commissioners, officers, and
45 employees with decision-making authority to maintain records regarding
46 contact with lobbyists. As used in this subparagraph: (1) "contact"
47 means any conversation, in person or by telephonic or other electronic
48 means, or correspondence between any lobbyist engaged in the act of
49 lobbying and any person within the commission who can make or influence
50 a decision on the subject of the lobbying on the behalf of the commis-
51 sion, and shall include, at a minimum, all members of the board of
52 commissioners and all officers of the commission, (2) "lobbyist" shall
53 have the same meaning as defined in the laws, rules or regulations of
54 either state, and (3) "lobbying" shall mean and include any attempt to
55 influence: (A) the adoption or rejection of any rule or regulation
56 having the force and effect of law by the commission, (B) the outcome of

1 any proceeding by the commission to establish, levy or collect fees,
2 tolls, charges or fares, and (C) the authorization, approval or award of
3 any agreements, contracts or purchase orders, including any settlement
4 of commission claims, or any extension, amendment or modification of any
5 existing agreement, contract or order; and

6 (v) have an efficiency study of the commission and its operations
7 conducted by an independent entity upon the request of the governors of
8 New York and New Jersey, and if no request is made, no longer than every
9 three years.

10 (i) (i) The chief ethics and compliance officer shall recommend to the
11 board of commissioners a whistleblower access and assistance program to
12 be administered by the inspector general which shall include, but not be
13 limited to:

14 (1) establishing an email address and toll-free telephone, facsimile,
15 and text messaging lines available to employees;

16 (2) offering advice regarding employee rights under applicable state
17 and federal laws and advice and options available to all persons; and

18 (3) offering an opportunity for employees to identify concerns regard-
19 ing any issue at the port authority.

20 Any communication between an employee and the inspector general pursu-
21 ant to this paragraph shall be held strictly confidential by the inspec-
22 tor general, unless the employee specifically waives in writing the
23 right to confidentiality, except that such confidentiality shall not
24 exempt the inspector general from disclosing such information, where
25 appropriate, to the board of commissioners and/or any law enforcement
26 authority.

27 (ii) The commission shall not fire, discharge, demote, suspend,
28 threaten, harass, or discriminate against an employee because of the
29 employee's role as a whistleblower, insofar as the actions taken by the
30 employee are legal.

31 (iii) As used in this paragraph:

32 (1) "Employees" means those persons employed at the commission,
33 including but not limited to: full-time and part-time employees, those
34 employees on probation, and temporary employees.

35 (2) "Whistleblower" means any employee of the commission who discloses
36 information concerning acts of wrongdoing, misconduct, malfeasance, or
37 other inappropriate behavior by an employee or board member of the
38 commission, including, but not limited to, such acts concerning the
39 commission's investments, travel, acquisition of real or personal prop-
40 erty, the disposition of real or personal property, or the procurement
41 of goods and services.

42 (j) Inspector general. (i) The inspector general shall be responsible
43 for receiving and investigating, where appropriate, all complaints
44 regarding fraud, waste, and abuse by commissioners, officers, and
45 employees of the port authority or third-parties doing business with the
46 commission. The inspector general shall also be responsible for conduct-
47 ing investigations upon the inspector general's own initiative, as the
48 inspector general shall deem appropriate.

49 (ii) The inspector general shall inform the board of commissioners and
50 the chief executive officer of allegations received by the inspector
51 general and the progress of investigations related thereto, unless
52 special circumstances require confidentiality.

53 (iii) The inspector general shall determine with respect to allega-
54 tions received by the inspector general whether disciplinary action or
55 civil prosecution by the commission is appropriate, and whether the

1 matter should be referred to an appropriate governmental agency for
2 further action.

3 (iv) The inspector general shall prepare and make available to the
4 public written reports of completed investigations, as appropriate and
5 to the extent permitted by law, subject to redactions to protect a need
6 for confidentiality. The release of all or portions of reports may be
7 deferred to protect the confidentiality of ongoing investigations.

8 (v) The inspector general shall have the power to:

9 (1) administer oaths or affirmations and examine witnesses under oath;

10 (2) require the production of any books and papers deemed relevant or
11 material to any investigation, examination, or review;

12 (3) notwithstanding any law to the contrary, examine and copy or
13 remove documents or records of any kind prepared, maintained, or held by
14 the commission and its subsidiaries;

15 (4) interview any officer or employee of the commission or its subsid-
16 iaries on any matter related to the performance of such officer or
17 employee's official duties. To the extent that the terms and conditions
18 of employment of any employee are established by collective negoti-
19 ations, any interview conducted pursuant to this paragraph must be in
20 accordance with any applicable provisions of the current, or most
21 recent, if expired, collective negotiations agreement covering the terms
22 and conditions of employment of the employee;

23 (5) monitor the implementation by the commission of any recommenda-
24 tions made by the inspector general; and

25 (6) perform any other functions that are necessary or appropriate to
26 fulfill the duties and responsibilities of office.

27 (k) Open meetings. (i) All meetings of the commission shall be open to
28 the public and members of the news media, individually and collectively,
29 for the purpose of observing the full details of all phases of the
30 deliberation, policy-making, and decision-making of the board, except
31 for an executive session initiated upon a majority vote taken in an open
32 meeting pursuant to a motion. Such motion shall identify the general
33 nature of the subjects to be considered in the closed, executive session
34 and, if it is not to take place immediately, state, as closely as possi-
35 ble the time and circumstances for such session and when the matters
36 discussed or acted upon may be disclosed. The board of commissioners may
37 exclude the public only from that portion of a meeting at which the
38 board of commissioners discusses any:

39 (1) matter in which the release of information would impair a right to
40 receive funds from the government of the United States;

41 (2) material the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted
42 invasion of individual or personal privacy;

43 (3) collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions which
44 are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement,
45 including the negotiation of the terms and conditions thereof with
46 employees or representatives of employees of the commission;

47 (4) matter involving the purchase, lease, or acquisition of real prop-
48 erty with commission funds, the proposed acquisition of securities, the
49 sale or exchange of securities held by the commission, or the investment
50 of commission funds, if public discussion of the matter would adversely
51 affect the public interest;

52 (5) matter which would imperil the public safety if disclosed;

53 (6) pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which
54 the commission is, or may become, a party, or matters falling within the
55 attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is

1 required for the attorney to exercise the attorney's ethical duties as a
2 lawyer;

3 (7) contract negotiations disclosure of which would imperil the
4 commission's position or an outcome in the best interest of the commis-
5 sion, its mission, and the public;

6 (8) matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of
7 employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the
8 performance of, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective
9 officer or employee or current officer or employee employed or appointed
10 by the commission, unless all the individual employees or appointees
11 whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that the
12 matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting; or

13 (9) deliberation of the commission occurring after a public hearing
14 that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the
15 responding party or the suspension or loss of a license or permit
16 belonging to the responding party as a result of an act or omission for
17 which the responding party bears responsibility.

18 (ii) The commission shall make meeting agendas available to the public
19 at least seventy-two hours before each meeting of the board and each
20 meeting of each committee. In addition, the commission shall send via
21 electronic mail the agenda and public documents pertaining to a board or
22 committee meeting to the public information office of each state's
23 legislature at least seventy-two hours before the meeting. Public notice
24 of the time and place of a meeting shall be provided to appropriate
25 media outlets, shall be conspicuously posted in one or more designated
26 areas, and shall be conspicuously posted via the commission's official
27 website at least five business days before the meeting.

28 (iii) The commission shall make available to the public documents in
29 the following manner: the agenda and public documents pertaining to a
30 board or committee meeting shall be available for public inspection at
31 least seventy-two hours before each meeting or as soon as practicable at
32 an office of the commission; and the agenda and public documents
33 pertaining to a board or committee meeting shall be posted on the
34 commission's website.

35 (iv) At each public meeting of the board and at each public meeting of
36 each committee, the public shall be allotted at least thirty minutes to
37 speak on any topic on the agenda. The board or committee shall expand
38 the comment time when necessary to provide a reasonable opportunity for
39 the public to comment. The public speaking period shall take place prior
40 to any board or committee action.

41 (v) The commission shall keep reasonably comprehensible minutes of all
42 its meetings showing the time and place, the members present, the
43 subjects considered, the actions taken, and the vote of each member. The
44 minutes shall be available to the public within two weeks from the date
45 of the meeting to the extent that public disclosure shall not be incon-
46 sistent with paragraph (a) of this subdivision. The minutes shall indi-
47 cate for each item on the agenda the vote or recusal of each board
48 member in attendance at an open meeting, or an executive session of the
49 board or a committee of the board. Each item on the agenda shall be
50 voted on separately.

51 (l) Barrier free access. The commission shall make or cause to be
52 made all reasonable efforts to ensure that meetings are held in facili-
53 ties that permit barrier-free physical access to people with disabili-
54 ties. If the board determines to use video conferencing or similar tech-
55 nology to conduct its meeting, it shall provide an opportunity for the
56 public to attend, listen, and observe such a meeting.

1 (m) Meeting notice. (i) The board shall, within six months of the
2 effective date of this act, adopt appropriate rules and regulations
3 concerning proper notice to the public and the news media of its meet-
4 ings and the right of the public and the news media to be present at
5 meetings of the authority. The board may incorporate in its rules and
6 regulations conditions under which it may exclude the public from a
7 meeting or a portion thereof in accordance with paragraph (k) of this
8 subdivision.

9 (ii) Any rules or regulations adopted hereunder shall become a part of
10 the minutes of the gateway development commission and shall be subject
11 to the approval of the governor of New Jersey and the governor of New
12 York.

13 (n) Freedom of information. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary,
14 the commission shall be deemed an "agency" and treated as such under the
15 laws of New York, for all purposes under articles 6 and 6-A of the
16 public officers law, and shall be deemed a "public agency" and treated
17 as such under New Jersey, P.L.1963, c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.), pertaining
18 to the disclosure of government records.

19 (o) Legislative hearings. (i) The commission, at the request of the
20 assembly or senate of the New York state legislature or the general
21 assembly or senate of the New Jersey state legislature, shall be
22 required to appear before a committee of the requesting state legisla-
23 tive house, upon request by the presiding officer of that state legisla-
24 tive house, to present testimony on any topic or subject requested by
25 the committee or to respond to questions by members of the committee.
26 The assembly of the New York state legislature, the senate of the New
27 York state legislature, the general assembly of the New Jersey state
28 legislature, and the senate of the New Jersey state legislature shall
29 each be entitled to two such requests per calendar year.

30 (ii) Unless otherwise agreed to by the presiding officer of the state
31 legislative house requesting the appearance of the commission, the
32 commission shall, at a minimum, be represented by the chair or vice-
33 chair of the board, chief executive officer, the chief financial offi-
34 cer, and any staff deemed necessary by the chair or vice-chair of the
35 board, chief executive officer, or the chief financial officer to pres-
36 ent testimony or respond to questions at any appearance required pursu-
37 ant to this section. The presiding officer may request the appearance of
38 any officer or employee of the commission. For purposes of this section,
39 as applicable to New York state "presiding officer" shall mean the
40 speaker of the assembly of the New York state legislature or temporary
41 president of the senate of the New York state legislature. For purposes
42 of this section, as applicable to the state of New Jersey "presiding
43 officer" shall mean the president of the senate or the speaker of the
44 general assembly of the state of New Jersey.

45 6. Duties of the commission. The duties of the commission shall be to
46 use its efforts to accomplish, at such times as it is appropriate to do
47 so, the following actions, provided that the commission shall not be in
48 dereliction of its duties so long as it acts in good faith to accomplish
49 such actions:

50 (a) make appropriate application for, and act as a coordinating,
51 distributing, or recipient agency for, federal, state, or private fund-
52 ing and authorizations necessary or appropriate to facilitate the Gate-
53 way Program;

54 (b) serve as the lead agency responsible for cooperating with federal,
55 state, local and bi-state agencies, authorities or departments, Amtrak
56 and private parties to facilitate the Gateway Program, including enter-

1 ing into agreements specifying a party's rights and obligations with
2 respect to the Gateway Program, to create a Gateway Program capable of
3 achieving long-term stability and full funding, without obligating the
4 full faith and credit of the federal government, either state, or any
5 local government thereof or any other party, except as explicitly
6 authorized by any party empowered by law to do so;

7 (c) adopt bylaws to govern the conduct of its affairs, adopt rules and
8 regulations, and make appropriate orders to carry out and discharge its
9 powers, duties and functions;

10 (d) expend such funds, made available to the commission as are
11 required to effectuate the purposes set forth in this subdivision and,
12 until expenditure is required, to hold and prudently invest funds;

13 (e) recommend appropriate federal, state and local government legis-
14 lation and agency administrative action pertaining to the Gateway
15 Program;

16 (f) Within eighteen months of the date it organizes and not less than
17 annually thereafter, prepare a report with details on the progress on
18 its activities and information on the financial and construction plan
19 for the following two fiscal years, and submit it, together with any
20 recommendations for state or local government legislation or agency
21 administrative action to the governor of the state of New Jersey, the
22 president of the senate of the state of New Jersey, the speaker of the
23 general assembly of the state of New Jersey, the governor of the state
24 of New York, the temporary president of the senate of the state of New
25 York, and the speaker of the assembly of the state of New York. When
26 appropriate, the recommendations provided by the commission shall
27 include recommendations for additional powers to be granted to the
28 commission that may be necessary for the commission to facilitate the
29 Gateway Program. The financial and construction plan presented by the
30 commission shall be considered approved unless disapproved by either or
31 both legislatures within ninety days of receipt of the report; and

32 (g) take such other action as may be necessary or appropriate to
33 further the purposes of this act.

34 7. Powers of the commission. The commission shall have the power to
35 undertake the following:

36 (a) facilitate the Gateway Program, including, but not limited to,
37 through contracts and agreements and other documents and instruments
38 which the commission is otherwise authorized to make, enter into,
39 execute and deliver; provided, however, that the facilitation of the
40 project within New York state shall be subject to article 8 of the New
41 York state labor law, as well as be subject to sections 200, 240, 241
42 and 242 of the New York state labor law and enforcement of prevailing
43 wage requirements pursuant to applicable law; provided, however, that
44 for the purposes of article 15-A of the New York state executive law
45 only, the commission shall be deemed a state agency as that term is used
46 in such article and its contracts and agreements and other documents and
47 instruments which the commission is otherwise authorized to make, enter
48 into, execute and deliver for the Gateway Program shall be deemed state
49 contracts within the meaning set forth in such article; provided, howev-
50 er, the commission shall not have the authority to operate or directly
51 engage in transportation services such that the commission would be
52 subject to the jurisdiction of the federal surface transportation board;

53 (b) sue and be sued in its own name in federal and state courts in
54 Mercer county, New Jersey and New York county, New York, it being under-
55 stood that the commissioners shall have no obligation or liability for
56 the acts or omissions of the commission;

1 (c) accept, receive, disburse, encumber and expend funds from whatever
2 source derived, including, without limitation, federal assistance,
3 grants and loans; state and local government assistance, grants and
4 loans; single state or bi-state agency assistance, grants and loans;
5 private sources, grants and loans; revenues received from the disposi-
6 tion of property; and Amtrak grants and loans, in each case as may be
7 necessary to accomplish any lawful purpose which the commissioners
8 determine will facilitate the Gateway Program and achieve long-term
9 stability and full funding;

10 (d) acquire, including, without limitation, by gift, purchase, or
11 exchange or by condemnation in accordance as may be provided by this
12 act, state in which the condemnation shall take place, subdivide, lease,
13 license, take and hold property of every description and solely in
14 furtherance of the purposes of the commission, to manage such property
15 and develop any undeveloped property owned, leased or controlled by it
16 in a manner necessary or appropriate to facilitate the Gateway Program;

17 (e) make, procure, enter into, execute, and deliver contracts and
18 agreements and other documents and instruments as may be necessary or
19 appropriate to carry out any power or duty of the commission under this
20 act and to otherwise accomplish any lawful purpose which the commission-
21 ers determine will facilitate the Gateway Program, including, without
22 limitation, with the federal government, the state of New Jersey, any
23 local government thereof, the state of New York, any local government
24 thereof, any agency, instrumentality, department, commission, or author-
25 ity of any one or more of the foregoing, any bi-state agency, Amtrak,
26 any individual or private firm, entity, or corporation, or with any one
27 or more of them;

28 (f) make applications for and accept funding, permits, authorizations,
29 and approvals as may be necessary or appropriate to accomplish any
30 lawful purpose which the commissioners determine will facilitate the
31 Gateway Program, including, without limitation, with the federal govern-
32 ment, the state of New Jersey, any local government thereof, the state
33 of New York, any local government thereof, or any agency, instrumentali-
34 ty, department, commission, or authority of any one or more of the fore-
35 going, any bi-state agency, Amtrak, any individual or private firm,
36 entity, or corporation, or with any one or more of them;

37 (g) enter into agreements with a private entity or entities to facili-
38 tate the Gateway Program;

39 (h) adopt its own public procurement rules and guidelines that the
40 commission deems necessary or appropriate to facilitate the Gateway
41 Program through any combination of means and methods otherwise available
42 to the commission under this act, regardless of whether such combination
43 is generally available to the states of New Jersey and New York, any
44 local government thereof, any agency, instrumentality, department,
45 commission or authority of any one or more of the foregoing, or any
46 bi-state agency, and engage and contract with third parties in accord-
47 ance with such procurement rules and guidelines;

48 (i) coordinate with entities from each state or both states to issue
49 and guarantee bonds, notes or other evidence of indebtedness, enter into
50 loan agreements and otherwise borrow funds, or incur indebtedness or
51 other future payment obligations for any corporate purpose, including to
52 effectuate full funding, and to assign, pledge, mortgage, secure, encum-
53 ber and use its funds, assets, property and revenues for repayment ther-
54 eof, to be payable out of the funds, assets, properties and revenues of
55 the commission without recourse to taxation, provided that the borrowing
56 activity has previously been included as part of the report required

1 pursuant to this act and was not disapproved by either or both legisla-
2 tures or otherwise precluded by conditions placed upon funds provided by
3 another agency or entity, and further provided that the commission shall
4 have no power to pledge the full faith and credit of the federal govern-
5 ment, the state of New Jersey, the state of New York, or any local
6 government thereof, or of Amtrak or the Port Authority of New York and
7 New Jersey in connection with the Gateway Program, or to impose any
8 obligation for payment of the bonds upon the federal government, the
9 state of New Jersey, the state of New York, or any local government
10 thereof, or of Amtrak or the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey,
11 in each case except as set forth in a binding agreement, or to otherwise
12 commit any party to incur any liability in excess of its contractual
13 obligations in connection with the Gateway Program, and provided further
14 that neither the commissioners nor any person executing any bonds issued
15 or guaranteed by the Commission shall be liable personally on such bonds
16 or be subject to any personal liability or accountability by reason of
17 the issuance thereof;

18 (j) acquire and hold securities for investment purposes or in
19 connection with the facilitation of the Gateway Program;

20 (k) appoint such officers and employees as the commission may require
21 for the performance of its duties and fix and determine their qualifica-
22 tions, duties, and compensation, subject to the provisions of the civil
23 service law, the rules of the civil service commission of the city, the
24 New York state collective bargaining law and applicable collective
25 bargaining agreements with regard to those officers, and employees who
26 are residents of and work in New York state including engineers, attor-
27 neys, consultants, financial advisors and such other persons or entities
28 as the business of the commission may require. The commission shall
29 participate in the New York city employees' retirement system;

30 (l) obtain insurance as the commission may deem advisable and to
31 create a captive insurer to self-insure risk as deemed appropriate by
32 the commission;

33 (m) cooperate with the federal government, the state of New Jersey,
34 any local government thereof, the state of New York, any local govern-
35 ment thereof, any agency, instrumentality, department, commission or
36 authority of any one or more of the foregoing, any bi-state agency,
37 Amtrak, any individual or private firm, entity or corporation, or with
38 any one or more of them, in connection with the Gateway Program, and to
39 enter into an agreement or agreements, notwithstanding any other
40 provision of law of the states, general, special, charter or local, with
41 the federal government, the state of New Jersey, any local government
42 thereof, the state of New York, any local government thereof, any agen-
43 cy, instrumentality, department, commission or authority of any one or
44 more of the foregoing, any bi-state agency, Amtrak, any individual or
45 private firm, entity or corporation, or with any one or more of the same
46 for or relating to the Gateway Program;

47 (n) indemnify individuals and entities to the extent required to
48 facilitate the Gateway Program;

49 (o) establish or acquire subsidiaries as required to facilitate the
50 Gateway Program;

51 (p) utilize the existing labor force in the states and foster labor
52 harmony in allowing for adoption of efficient labor work rules and prac-
53 tices during construction of the Gateway Program; and

54 (q) exercise all other powers as may be necessary or appropriate in
55 furtherance of, and consistent with, the purposes of this act provided
56 that this subdivision shall not be construed to delegate any sovereign

1 power of either state unless that power has been expressly delegated to
2 the commission pursuant to this act.

3 8. Commission annual financial reporting. (a) The commission shall
4 publish a comprehensive annual financial report, submitted annually to
5 the governors and state legislatures of New York and New Jersey and made
6 available on the commission's website within 120 days after the end of
7 its fiscal year. The annual report shall include the commission's finan-
8 cial statements, statistical and other regional data, and a narrative of
9 the commission's activities during the year of the report. The annual
10 report shall include:

11 (i) an introductory section including:

12 (1) a letter of transmittal to the governors of New York and New
13 Jersey;

14 (2) information regarding the board of commissioners, commission offi-
15 cers and executive management;

16 (3) a letter to the board of commissioners from the chief executive
17 officer of the commission highlighting important developments;

18 (4) a description of major commission activities undertaken during the
19 prior year; and

20 (5) a letter to the board of commissioners from the chief financial
21 officer of the commission with respect to the consolidated financial
22 statements of the commission.

23 (ii) a financial section including:

24 (1) an independent auditor's report;

25 (2) management's discussion and analysis;

26 (3) financial statements;

27 (4) its financial reports certified by the chair and vice-chair of the
28 board, chief executive officer, and chief financial officer of the
29 commission, including (A) audited financials in accordance with general-
30 ly accepted accounting principles, known as GAAP, and the accounting
31 standards issued by the governmental accounting standards board, known
32 as GASB, (B) grant and subsidy programs, (C) current ratings, if any, of
33 its bonds issued by recognized bond rating agencies and notice of chang-
34 es in such ratings, and (D) long-term liabilities, including leases and
35 employee benefit plans;

36 (5) a schedule of its bonds and notes outstanding at the end of its
37 fiscal year, together with a statement of the amounts redeemed and
38 incurred during such fiscal year as part of a schedule of debt issuance
39 that includes the date of issuance, term, amount, interest rate, and
40 means of repayment including all refinancings, calls, refundings,
41 defeasements, and interest rate exchange or other such agreements; and

42 (6) at a minimum a four-year financial plan, including (A) a current
43 and projected capital budget, and (B) an operating budget report,
44 including an actual versus estimated budget, with an analysis and meas-
45 urement of financial and operating performance.

46 (iii) a statistical section presenting additional information as
47 context for further understanding of the information in the financial
48 statements, note disclosures and schedules, including (1) financial
49 trends; (2) debt capacity; (3) operating and service data; (4) informa-
50 tion on commission operating results; (5) information on commission
51 capital program components; (6) information on commission facility traf-
52 fic; and (7) selected statistical, demographic and economic data on the
53 New York-New Jersey metropolitan region.

54 (iv) a corporate information section providing:

55 (1) a list of all real property of the commission;

1 (2) a list and full description of real property and personal property
2 that has a sale price of over \$10,000 disposed of during the period,
3 including the price received by the commission and the name of the
4 purchaser for all property sold by the commission during the period;

5 (3) a compensation schedule that shall include, by position, title and
6 name of the person holding such position or title, the salary, compen-
7 sation, allowance and/or benefits provided to any officer, director, or
8 employee in a decision making or managerial position of such commission
9 whose base salary is in excess of \$150,000;

10 (4) biographical information, not including confidential personal
11 information, for all directors and officers and employees for whom sala-
12 ry reporting is required;

13 (5) a description of the commission and its board structure, including
14 (A) names of committees and committee members, (B) lists of board meet-
15 ings and attendance, (C) descriptions of major authority units and
16 subsidiaries, and (D) number of employees;

17 (6) its mission statement, charter, if any, and by laws; and

18 (7) a description of any material pending litigation in which the
19 commission is involved as a party during the reporting year.

20 9. Commission audits and financial statements. (a) The commission
21 shall prepare financial statements on an annual basis, in accordance
22 with generally accepted accounting principles, known as GAAP, and the
23 accounting standards issued by the governmental accounting standards
24 board, known as GASB.

25 (b) The audit committee of the board of commissioners of the commis-
26 sion shall arrange for an independent firm of certified public account-
27 ants to perform an audit of the financial statements of the commission
28 each year, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles
29 and standards referenced in paragraph (a) of this subdivision. Each
30 independent firm of certified public accountants that performs any audit
31 required by this section shall timely report to the board of the commis-
32 sion:

33 (i) all critical accounting policies and practices to be used; and

34 (ii) other material written communications, that is not privileged or
35 confidential, between the independent firm of certified public account-
36 ants and the management of the commission, including the management
37 letter along with management's response or plan of corrective action,
38 material corrections identified, or schedule of unadjusted differences.

39 (c) Every financial statement prepared pursuant to this subdivision
40 shall be approved by the board of commissioners. As a condition to the
41 issuance of the annual financial statements of the commission, the chief
42 executive officer and the chief financial officer of the commission
43 shall be required to make a written certification to that effect that,
44 to the best of their knowledge and belief, the financial and other
45 information in the consolidated financial statements is accurate in all
46 material respects and has been reported in a manner designed to present
47 fairly the commission's net assets, changes in net assets, and cash
48 flows, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and
49 standards referenced in paragraph (a) of this subdivision; and, that on
50 the basis that the cost of internal controls should not outweigh their
51 benefits, the commission has established a comprehensive framework of
52 internal controls to protect its assets from loss, theft, or misuse, and
53 to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial
54 reporting and the preparation of the consolidated financial statements
55 in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and stand-
56 ards referenced in paragraph (a) of this subdivision.

1 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the
2 commission shall not contract with an independent firm of certified
3 public accountants for audit services to the authority if the lead or
4 coordinating audit partner having primary responsibility for the audit,
5 or the audit partner responsible for reviewing the audit, has performed
6 audit services for the two previous fiscal years of such commission.

7 (e) The commission shall not contract with the independent firm of
8 certified public accountants performing the commission's audit for any
9 non-audit services to such commission contemporaneously with the audit,
10 unless receiving previous written approval by the audit committee
11 including:

12 (i) bookkeeping or other services related to the accounting records or
13 financial statements of such commission;

14 (ii) financial information systems design and implementation;

15 (iii) appraisal or valuation services, fairness opinions, or contribu-
16 tion-in-kind reports;

17 (iv) actuarial services;

18 (v) internal audit outsourcing services;

19 (vi) management functions or human services;

20 (vii) broker or dealer, investment advisor, or investment banking
21 services; and

22 (viii) legal services and expert services unrelated to the audit.

23 (f) The commission shall not contract with an independent firm of
24 certified public accountants for any audit service if the chief execu-
25 tive officer, comptroller, chief financial officer, treasurer, or any
26 other person serving in an equivalent position for the commission, was
27 employed by that independent firm of certified public accountants and
28 participated in any capacity in the audit of the authority during the
29 one year period preceding the date of the initiation of the audit.

30 (g) The commission shall make accessible to the public via its website
31 an executive summary of its most recent independent audit report unless
32 such information is exempt from disclosure pursuant to either state's
33 freedom of information laws.

34 10. Contracts of the commission. (a) Definitions. As used in this
35 subdivision, the following terms shall have the following meanings
36 unless otherwise specified:

37 (i) "Construction item" means any such item or material used in
38 construction and which is procured directly by the commission or office
39 or any such item or material commonly used in construction which is
40 procured by a person, other than a municipality, under contract with the
41 commission or office.

42 (ii) "Office" means the New York office of general services.

43 (iii) "Practicable" means capable of being used without violating the
44 following criteria: performance, availability at a reasonable period of
45 time and maintenance of a satisfactory level of completion.

46 (iv) "Product" means any material, supply, equipment or construction
47 item or other item whether real or personal property which is the
48 subject of any purchase, barter, or other exchange made to procure such
49 product.

50 (v) "Secondary materials" means any material recovered from or other-
51 wise destined for the waste stream, including but not limited to, post-
52 consumer material, industrial scrap material, and overstock or obsolete
53 inventories from distributors, wholesalers and other companies as
54 defined in rules and regulations promulgated by the New York commis-
55 sioner of general services but such term does not include those materials

1 and byproducts generated from, and commonly reused within an original
2 manufacturing process.

3 (vi) "Specification" means any description of the physical or func-
4 tional characteristics, or of the nature of a material, supply, equip-
5 ment or construction item. It may include a description of any require-
6 ment for inspecting, testing or preparing a material, supply, equipment
7 or construction item for delivery.

8 (b) Specifications. The commission shall create and update product
9 specifications to ensure that:

10 (i) Specifications do not exclude the use of products manufactured
11 from secondary materials or require that products be manufactured from
12 virgin materials only, provided however, the specifications may include
13 such an exclusion if the commission demonstrates that for a particular
14 end use a product containing secondary materials would not meet neces-
15 sary performance standards.

16 (ii) Performance standards, specifications and a product's intended
17 end use are related, and clearly identified when feasible.

18 (iii) Specifications are not overly stringent for a particular end use
19 or performance standard.

20 (iv) Specifications incorporate or require the use of secondary mate-
21 rials to the maximum extent practicable without jeopardizing the
22 performance or intended end use of the product; provided however, where
23 the commission demonstrates that for a particular end use a product
24 containing secondary materials would not meet necessary performance
25 standards, such specifications need not incorporate or require the use
26 of secondary materials.

27 (c) Ground for cancellation of contract by the commission. A clause
28 shall be inserted in all specifications or contracts hereafter made or
29 awarded by the commission, for work or services performed or to be
30 performed or goods sold or to be sold, to provide that upon the refusal
31 by a person, when called before a grand jury, head of a state depart-
32 ment, temporary state commission or other agency of the state of New
33 York or the state of New Jersey, the organized crime task force in the
34 department of law of the state of New York, head of a city department,
35 or other city agency, which is empowered to compel the attendance of
36 witnesses and examine them under oath, to testify in an investigation
37 concerning any transaction or contract had with the applicable state,
38 any political subdivision thereof, a public authority or with any public
39 department, agency or official of the state of New York or the state of
40 New Jersey or of any political subdivision thereof or of a public
41 authority, to sign a waiver of immunity against subsequent criminal
42 prosecution or to answer any relevant question concerning such trans-
43 action or contract, such person, and any firm, partnership or corpo-
44 ration of which he or she is a member, partner, director or officer
45 shall be disqualified from thereafter selling to or submitting bids to
46 or receiving awards from or entering into any contracts with the commis-
47 sion or official thereof, for goods, work or services, for a period of
48 five years after such refusal.

49 (d) Disqualification to contract with public authority. Any person
50 who, when called before a grand jury, head of a state department, tempo-
51 rary state commission or other state agency of the state of New York or
52 the state of New Jersey, the organized crime task force in the depart-
53 ment of law of the state of New York, head of a city department, or
54 other city agency, which is empowered to compel the attendance of
55 witnesses and examine them under oath, to testify in an investigation
56 concerning any transaction or contract had with the applicable state,

1 any political subdivision thereof, a public authority or with a public
2 department, agency or official of the state or of any political subdivi-
3 sion thereof or of a public authority, refuses to sign a waiver of immu-
4 nity against subsequent criminal prosecution or to answer any relevant
5 questions concerning such transaction or contract, and any firm, part-
6 nership or corporation, of which he or she is a member, partner, direc-
7 tor or officer shall be disqualified from thereafter selling to or
8 submitting bids to or receiving awards from or entering into any
9 contracts with the commission or any official of the commission, for
10 goods, work or services, for a period of five years after such refusal
11 or until a disqualification shall be removed pursuant to the provisions
12 of paragraph (e) of this subdivision.

13 It shall be the duty of the officer conducting the investigation
14 before the grand jury, the head of a state department, the chairman of
15 the temporary state commission or other state agency of the state of New
16 York or the state of New Jersey, the organized crime task force in the
17 department of law of the state of New York, the head of a city depart-
18 ment or other city agency before which the refusal occurs to send notice
19 of such refusal, together with the names of any firm, partnership or
20 corporation of which the person so refusing is known to be a member,
21 partner, officer or director, to the commissioner of transportation of
22 the state of New York or the state of New Jersey, or the commissioner of
23 general services as the case may be, and the appropriate departments,
24 agencies and officials of the applicable state, political subdivisions
25 thereof or public authorities with whom the persons so refusing and any
26 firm, partnership or corporation of which he or she is a member, part-
27 ner, director or officer, is known to have a contract. However, when
28 such refusal occurs before a body other than a grand jury, notice of
29 refusal shall not be sent for a period of ten days after such refusal
30 occurs. Prior to the expiration of this ten day period, any person,
31 firm, partnership or corporation which has become liable to the cancel-
32 lation or termination of a contract or disqualification to contract on
33 account of such refusal may commence a special proceeding at a special
34 term of the supreme court of New York or superior court of New Jersey,
35 held within the judicial district in which the refusal occurred, for an
36 order determining whether the questions in response to which the refusal
37 occurred were relevant and material to the inquiry. Upon the commence-
38 ment of such proceeding, the sending of such notice of refusal to answer
39 shall be subject to order of the court in which the proceeding was
40 brought in a manner and on such terms as the court may deem just. If a
41 proceeding is not brought within ten days, notice of refusal shall ther-
42 eupon be sent as provided herein.

43 (e) Removal of disqualification of public contractors by petition.

44 (i) Any firm, partnership or corporation which has become subject to the
45 cancellation or termination of a contract or disqualification to
46 contract on account of the refusal of a member, partner, director or
47 officer thereof to waive immunity when called to testify, as provided in
48 paragraph (d) of this subdivision, may, upon ten days' notice to the
49 attorney general of the state in which the refusal occurred and to the
50 officer who conducted the investigation before the grand jury or other
51 body in which the refusal occurred, commence a special proceeding at a
52 special term of the supreme court of New York or superior court of New
53 Jersey held within the judicial district in which the refusal occurred
54 for a judgment discontinuing the disqualification. Such application
55 shall be in the form of a petition setting forth grounds, including that
56 the cooperation by petitioner with the grand jury or other body at the

1 time of the refusal was such, and the amount and degree of control and
2 financial interest, if any, in the petitioning firm, partnership or
3 corporation by the member, partner, officer or director who refused to
4 waive immunity is such that it will not be in the public interest to
5 cancel or terminate petitioner's contracts or to continue the disquali-
6 fication, as provided in paragraph (d) of this subdivision.

7 A copy of the petition and accompanying papers shall be served with
8 the notices to be given pursuant to this subdivision.

9 (ii) Upon the filing of such petition the court may stay as to peti-
10 tioner, pending a decision upon the petition, the cancellation or termi-
11 nation of any contracts resulting from such refusal upon such terms as
12 to notice or otherwise as may be just.

13 (iii) At least two days prior to the return day, the officer who
14 conducted the investigation before the grand jury or other body and the
15 attorney general may file answers to the petition or apply for judgment
16 dismissing the petition as a matter of law. On or before the return day
17 the petitioner may file a reply to the answer.

18 (iv) Upon the return day the court may, upon the petition and answer
19 and other papers filed, forthwith render such judgment as the case
20 requires, or if a triable issue of fact is duly raised, it shall forth-
21 with be tried before a court sitting without a jury or before a referee.
22 The provisions of statute or rule governing references in an action
23 shall apply to a reference under this subdivision.

24 (v) The court shall render judgment dismissing the petition on the
25 merits or discontinuing the disqualification upon the ground that the
26 public interest would be served by its discontinuance, and granting such
27 other relief as to the cancellation or termination of contracts as may
28 be appropriate, but without costs to petitioner.

29 (f) Statement of non-collusion in bids or proposals to the commission.

30 (i) Every bid or proposal hereafter made to the commission or to any
31 official of the commission, where competitive bidding is required by
32 statute, rule, regulation or local law, for work or services performed
33 or to be performed or goods sold or to be sold, shall contain the
34 following statement subscribed by the bidder and affirmed by such bidder
35 as true under the penalties of perjury:

36 "(1) By submission of this bid, each bidder and each person signing on
37 behalf of any bidder certifies, and in the case of a joint bid each
38 party thereto certifies as to its own organization, under penalty of
39 perjury, that to the best of his knowledge and belief:

40 (A) The prices in this bid have been arrived at independently without
41 collusion, consultation, communication, or agreement, for the purpose of
42 restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such prices with
43 any other bidder or with any competitor;

44 (B) Unless otherwise required by law, the prices which have been quot-
45 ed in this bid have not been knowingly disclosed by the bidder and will
46 not knowingly be disclosed by the bidder prior to opening, directly or
47 indirectly, to any other bidder or to any competitor; and

48 (C) No attempt has been made or will be made by the bidder to induce
49 any other person, partnership or corporation to submit or not to submit
50 a bid for the purpose of restricting competition."

51 (2) A bid shall not be considered for award nor shall any award be
52 made where the provisions of clause one of this subparagraph have not
53 been complied with; provided however, that if in any case the bidder
54 cannot make the foregoing certification, the bidder shall so state and
55 shall furnish with the bid a signed statement which sets forth in detail
56 the reasons therefor. Where the provisions of clause one of this subpar-

1 agraph have not been complied with, the bid shall not be considered for
2 award nor shall any award be made unless the commission or official
3 thereof determines that such disclosure was not made for the purpose of
4 restricting competition. The fact that a bidder (A) has published price
5 lists, rates, or tariffs covering items being procured, (B) has informed
6 prospective customers of proposed or pending publication of new or
7 revised price lists for such items, or (C) has sold the same items to
8 other customers at the same prices being bid, does not constitute, with-
9 out more, a disclosure.

10 (ii) Any bid hereafter made to the commission by a corporate bidder
11 for work or services performed or to be performed or goods sold or to be
12 sold, where competitive bidding is required by statute, rule, regu-
13 lation, or local law, and where such bid contains the certification
14 referred to in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, shall be deemed to
15 have been authorized by the board of directors of the bidder, and such
16 authorization shall be deemed to include the signing and submission of
17 the bid and the inclusion therein of the certificate as to non-collusion
18 as the act and deed of the corporation.

19 (g) Procurement contracts. (i) Definitions. For the purposes of this
20 subdivision:

21 (1) "Allowable indirect costs" means those costs incurred by a profes-
22 sional firm that are generally associated with overhead which cannot be
23 specifically identified with a single project or contract and are
24 considered reasonable and allowable under specific state contract or
25 allowability limits.

26 (2) "Minority business enterprise" means any business enterprise,
27 including a sole proprietorship, partnership, or corporation: with more
28 than fifty percent of the ownership interest owned by one or more minor-
29 ity group members or, in the case of a publicly-owned business, where
30 more than fifty percent of the common stock or other voting interests
31 are owned by one or more minority group members; in which the minority
32 ownership is real, substantial, and continuing; in which the minority
33 ownership has and exercises the authority to control independently the
34 day-to-day business decisions of the enterprise; and authorized to do
35 business in the state of New York or the state of New Jersey, independ-
36 ently owned and operated, and not dominant in its field.

37 (3) "Minority group member" means a United States citizen or permanent
38 resident alien who is and can demonstrate membership in one of the
39 following groups: black persons having origins in any of the black Afri-
40 can racial groups not of Hispanic origin; Hispanic persons of Mexican,
41 Puerto Rican, Dominican, Cuban, Central or South American of either
42 Indian or Hispanic origin, regardless of race; Asian and Pacific Islan-
43 der persons having origins in any of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the
44 Indian subcontinent or the Pacific Islands; or Native American persons
45 having origins in any of the original peoples of North America.

46 (4) "Professional firm" means any individual or sole proprietorship,
47 partnership, corporation, association, or other legal entity permitted
48 by law to practice the professions of architecture, engineering, or
49 surveying.

50 (5) "Women-owned business enterprise" means a business enterprise,
51 including a sole proprietorship, partnership or corporation: with more
52 than fifty percent of the ownership interest owned by one or more United
53 States citizens or permanent resident aliens who are women or, in the
54 case of a publicly-owned business, where more than fifty percent of the
55 common stock or other voting interests is owned by United States citi-
56 zens or permanent resident aliens who are women; in which the ownership

1 interest of women is real, substantial, and continuing; in which the
2 women ownership has and exercises the authority to control independently
3 the day-to-day business decisions of the enterprise; and authorized to
4 do business in the state of New York or the state of New Jersey, inde-
5 pendently owned and operated, and not dominant in its field.

6 (ii) The commission shall adopt by resolution comprehensive guidelines
7 which detail the commission's operative policy and instructions regard-
8 ing the use, awarding, monitoring and reporting of procurement
9 contracts. Such guidelines shall be annually reviewed and approved by
10 the commission.

11 (iii) For purposes of this subdivision, procurement contracts shall
12 mean any written agreement for the acquisition of goods or services of
13 any kind, in the actual or estimated amount of five thousand dollars or
14 more.

15 (iv) The guidelines approved by the commission shall include, but not
16 be limited to the following:

17 (1) A description of the types of goods purchased, and for procurement
18 contracts for services, a description of those areas of responsibility
19 and oversight requiring the use of personal services and the reasons for
20 the use of personal services in such areas.

21 (2) Requirements regarding the selection of contractors, which shall
22 include provisions:

23 (A) for the selection of such contractors on a competitive basis, and
24 provisions relating to the circumstances under which the board may by
25 resolution waive competition, including, notwithstanding any other
26 provision of law requiring competition, the purchase of goods or
27 services from small business concerns or those certified as minority or
28 women-owned business enterprises, or goods or technology that are recy-
29 cled or remanufactured, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 without a
30 formal competitive process;

31 (B) describing when the award of procurement contracts shall require
32 approval of the board by resolution, provided that any contract involv-
33 ing services to be rendered over a period in excess of one year shall
34 require the approval of the board by resolution and an annual review of
35 the contract by the board;

36 (C) setting forth responsibilities of contractors;

37 (D) the commission shall not refuse to negotiate with a professional
38 firm solely because the ratio of the "allowable indirect costs" to
39 direct labor costs of the professional firm or the hourly labor rate in
40 any labor category of the professional firm exceeds a limitation gener-
41 ally set by the commission in the determination of the reasonableness of
42 the estimated cost of services to be rendered by the professional firm,
43 but rather the commission should also consider the reasonableness of
44 cost based on the total estimated cost of the service of the profes-
45 sional firm which should include, among other things, all the direct
46 labor costs of the professional firm for such services plus all allow-
47 able indirect costs, other direct costs, and negotiated profit of the
48 professional firm.

49 (3) An identification of those areas or types of contracts for which
50 minority or women-owned business enterprises may best bid so as to
51 promote and assist participation by such enterprises and facilitate a
52 fair share of the awarding of contracts to such enterprises.

53 (4) Requirements for the designation of one or more senior staff of
54 the commission to oversee the commission's programs established to
55 promote and assist: (A) participation by certified minority or women-
56 owned business enterprises in the commission's procurement opportunities

1 and facilitation of the award of procurement contracts to such enter-
2 prises; (B) the utilization of certified minority and women-owned busi-
3 ness enterprises as subcontractors and suppliers by entities having
4 procurement contracts with the commission; and (C) the utilization of
5 partnerships, joint ventures or other similar arrangements between
6 certified minority and women-owned business enterprises and other enti-
7 ties having procurement contracts with the commission. Such staff shall
8 be familiar with the procurement of the types of construction, finan-
9 cial, legal or professional services utilized by the commission, report
10 directly to the commission's executive director, and either directly or
11 through their designees participate in the procurement process.

12 (5) Requirements for providing notice, in addition to any other notice
13 of procurement opportunities required by law, to professional and other
14 organizations that serve minority and women-owned business enterprises
15 providing the types of services procured by the commission.

16 (6) Procedures for maintaining lists of qualified certified minority
17 and women-owned business enterprises, including professional firms that
18 have expressed an interest in doing business with the commission and
19 ensuring that such lists are updated regularly. The commission shall
20 also consult the lists of certified minority and women-owned business
21 enterprises maintained by executive branch departments in the state of
22 New York and in the state of New Jersey.

23 (7) The establishment of appropriate goals for participation by minor-
24 ity or women-owned business enterprises in procurement contracts awarded
25 by the commission and for the utilization of minority and women-owned
26 enterprises as subcontractors and suppliers by entities having procure-
27 ment contracts with the commission. Numerical goals for participation
28 targets shall be established by the commission.

29 (8) Requirements to conduct procurements in a manner that will enable
30 the commission to achieve the maximum feasible portion of the goals
31 established pursuant to this subparagraph and that eliminates barriers
32 to participation by minority and women-owned business enterprises in the
33 commission's procurements. Such procurement requirements shall include
34 the following:

35 (A) Measures and procedures to ensure that certified businesses shall
36 be given the opportunity for maximum feasible participation in the
37 performance of state contracts and to assist in the commission's iden-
38 tification of those state contracts for which certified businesses may
39 best bid to actively and affirmatively promote and assist their partic-
40 ipation in the performance of state contracts so as to facilitate the
41 commission's achievement of the maximum feasible portion of the goals
42 for state contracts to such businesses;

43 (B) Provisions designating the New York division of minority and
44 women-owned business development to certify and decertify minority and
45 women-owned business enterprises through a single process that meets
46 applicable state and federal requirements;

47 (C) A requirement that each contract solicitation document accompany-
48 ing each solicitation set forth the expected degree of minority and
49 women-owned business enterprise participation based, in part, on:

50 (I) the potential subcontract opportunities available in the prime
51 procurement contract; and

52 (II) the availability of certified minority and women-owned business
53 enterprises to respond competitively to the potential subcontract oppor-
54 tunities;

55 (D) A requirement that the commission provide a current list of certi-
56 fied minority business enterprises to each prospective contractor;

1 (E) Provisions relating to joint ventures, under which a bidder may
2 count toward meeting its minority business enterprise participation
3 goal, the minority and women-owned business enterprise portion of the
4 joint venture;

5 (F) Provisions under which the commission may waive obligations of the
6 contractor relating to minority and women-owned business enterprise
7 participation after a showing of good faith efforts to comply with the
8 requirements of this subdivision;

9 (G) A requirement that the commission verify that minority and women-
10 owned business enterprises listed in a successful bid are actually
11 participating to the extent listed in the project for which the bid was
12 submitted;

13 (H) In the implementation of this section, the commission shall:

14 (I) consider, where practicable, the severability of construction
15 projects and other bundled contracts;

16 (II) implement a program that will enable the commission to evaluate
17 each contract to determine the appropriateness of the goal pursuant of
18 this subparagraph;

19 (III) consider compliance with the requirements of any federal law
20 concerning opportunities for minority and women-owned business enter-
21 prises which effectuates the purpose of this section; and

22 (IV) consult any relevant disparity studies conducted pursuant to the
23 laws of New York or New Jersey.

24 (9) A listing of the types of provisions to be contained in procure-
25 ment contracts, including provisions concerning the nature and monitor-
26 ing of the work to be performed, the use of commission supplies and
27 facilities, the use of commission personnel and any other provisions.

28 (10) Provisions regarding procurement contracts which involve former
29 officers or employees of the commission.

30 (11) Procedures regarding procurement contracts which are exempt from
31 the publication requirements of article 4-C of New York's economic
32 development law.

33 (12) Policies to promote the participation by business enterprises and
34 residents of the state of New York and the state of New Jersey in
35 procurement contracts, including, but not limited to:

36 (A) providing for the commission to collect and to consult the spec-
37 ifications of New York state and New Jersey business enterprises in
38 developing specifications for any procurement contract for the purchase
39 of good, where possible, practicable, feasible and consistent with open
40 bidding, except for procurement contracts for which the commission would
41 be expending funds received from states other than New York or New
42 Jersey. The commission shall, where feasible, make use of the stock item
43 specification forms prepared by the New York commissioner of general
44 services, and where necessary, consult with the New York commissioner of
45 the office of general services, in developing such specifications and
46 make such determinations; and

47 (B) with the cooperation of the New York department of economic devel-
48 opment and through cooperative efforts with contractors, providing for
49 the notification of New York state and New Jersey business enterprises
50 of opportunities to participate as subcontractors and suppliers on
51 procurement contracts let by the commission in an amount estimated to be
52 equal to or greater than \$1,000,000 and promulgating procedures which
53 will ensure compliance by contractors with such notification. Once
54 awarded the contract such contractors shall document their efforts to
55 encourage the participation of New York state or New Jersey business
56 enterprises as suppliers and subcontractors on procurement contracts

1 equal to or greater than \$1,000,000. Documented efforts by a successful
2 contractor shall consist of and be limited to showing that such contrac-
3 tor has (I) solicited bids, in a timely and adequate manner, from New
4 York state or New Jersey business enterprises including certified minor-
5 ity and women-owned businesses, or (II) contacted the New York state
6 department of economic development to obtain listings of New York state
7 business enterprises, or (III) placed notices for subcontractors and
8 suppliers in newspapers, journals and other trade publications distrib-
9 uted in New York state or New Jersey, or (IV) participated in bidder
10 outreach conferences. If the contractor determines that New York state
11 or New Jersey business enterprises are not available to participate on
12 the contract as subcontractors or suppliers, the contractor shall
13 provide a statement indicating the method by which such determination
14 was made. If the contractor does not intend to use subcontractors on the
15 contract, the contractor shall provide a statement verifying such
16 intent; and

17 (C) except for procurement contracts for which the commission would be
18 expending funds received from another state, the commission shall
19 include in all bid documents provided to potential bidders a statement
20 that information concerning the availability of New York state subcon-
21 tractors and suppliers is available from the New York state department
22 of economic development, which shall include the directory of certified
23 minority and women-owned businesses, and it is the policy of New York
24 state to encourage the use of New York state subcontractors and suppli-
25 ers, and to promote the participation of minority and women-owned busi-
26 nesses where possible, in the procurement of goods and services; and

27 (D) with the cooperation of the community services division of the New
28 York department of labor and through cooperative efforts with contrac-
29 tors, providing for the notification of New York state residents of
30 employment opportunities arising in New York state out of procurement
31 contracts let by the commission in an amount estimated to be equal to or
32 greater than one million dollars; and promulgating procedures which will
33 ensure compliance by contractors with such notification by requiring
34 contractors to submit post-award compliance reports documenting their
35 efforts to provide such notification through listing any such positions
36 with the community services division, or providing for such notification
37 in such manner as is consistent with existing collective bargaining
38 contracts or agreements; and

39 (E) including in each set of documents soliciting bids on procurement
40 contracts to let by the commission a statement notifying potential
41 bidders located in foreign countries that the commission may assign or
42 otherwise transfer offset credits created by such procurement contract
43 to third parties located in New York state; providing for the assignment
44 or other form of transfer of offset credits created by such procurement
45 contracts, directly or indirectly, to third parties located in New York
46 state, in accordance with the written directions of the New York commis-
47 sioner of economic development; and providing for the corporation to
48 otherwise cooperate with the department of economic development in
49 efforts to get foreign countries to recognize offset credits assigned or
50 transferred to third parties located in New York state created by such
51 procurement contracts; and

52 (F) promulgating procedures which will ensure compliance with the
53 federal equal employment opportunity act of 1972 (P.L. 92-261), as
54 amended, by contractors of the corporation.

55 (13) For the purposes of this subdivision, (A) "New Jersey business
56 enterprise" means a business enterprise, including a sole proprietor-

1 ship, partnership, or corporation, which offers for sale or lease or
2 other form of exchange, goods which are sought by the commission and
3 which are substantially manufactured, produced or assembled in New
4 Jersey, or services which are sought by the commission and which are
5 substantially performed within New Jersey.

6 (B) "New Jersey resident" means a natural person who maintains a
7 fixed, permanent, and principal home located within New Jersey and to
8 which such person, whenever temporarily located, always intends to
9 return.

10 (C) "New York resident" means a natural person who maintains a fixed,
11 permanent and principal home located within New York state and to which
12 such person, whenever temporarily located, always intends to return.

13 (D) "New York state business enterprise" means a business enterprise,
14 including a sole proprietorship, partnership, or corporation, which
15 offers for sale or lease or other form of exchange, goods which are
16 sought by the commission and which are substantially manufactured,
17 produced or assembled in New York state, or services which are sought by
18 the commission and which are substantially performed within New York
19 state.

20 (v) The commission shall have the power from time to time to amend
21 such procurement contract guidelines in accordance with the provisions
22 of this subdivision.

23 (vi) The commission, as part of the guidelines established pursuant to
24 this subdivision, shall establish policies regarding the preparation of
25 publicly available reports on procurement contracts entered into by such
26 corporation. Such policies shall provide, at the minimum, for the prepa-
27 ration of a report no less frequently than annually, summarizing
28 procurement activity by the commission for the period of the report,
29 including a listing of all procurement contracts entered into, all
30 contracts entered into with New York state and New Jersey business
31 enterprises and the subject matter and value thereof, all contracts
32 entered into with certified minority or women-owned business enterprises
33 and the subject matter and value thereof, all referrals made and all
34 penalties imposed pursuant to section 316 of the executive law, all
35 contracts entered into with foreign business enterprises, and the
36 subject matter and value thereof, the selection process used to select
37 such contractors, all procurement contracts which were exempt from the
38 publication requirements pursuant to the laws of one or both states.

39 (vii) The commission shall annually prepare and approve a report on
40 procurement contracts which shall include the guidelines, as specified
41 in this subdivision, an explanation of the guidelines and any amendments
42 thereto since the last annual report. Such report on procurement
43 contracts may be a part of any other annual report that the corporation
44 is required to make.

45 (viii) The commission shall annually submit its report on procurement
46 contracts to the governor of New York and the governor of New Jersey and
47 copies thereof to the New York senate finance committee, New Jersey
48 senate budget committee, the New York assembly ways and means committee,
49 and the New Jersey general assembly appropriations committee. The
50 commission shall make available to the public copies of its report on
51 procurement contracts upon reasonable request therefor.

52 (ix) Nothing contained in this subdivision shall be deemed to alter,
53 affect the validity of, modify the terms of or impair any contract or
54 agreement made or entered into in violation of, or without compliance
55 with, the provisions of this section.

1 (h) Comptroller approval of contracts. (i) Except as set forth in
2 subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph, where the comptroller of the state
3 of New York or the comptroller of the state of New Jersey determines
4 pursuant to his or her authority to supervise the accounts of the
5 commission, that contracts or categories of contracts in excess of
6 \$1,000,000 (1) to be awarded by the commission to a single source, a
7 sole source or pursuant to any other method of procurement that is not
8 competitive, or (2) which are to be paid in whole or in part from monies
9 appropriated by each respective state to the commission for such
10 contractual expenditure, require supervision in the form of prior review
11 and approval of such contracts, and the comptroller of the state of New
12 York or the comptroller of the state of New Jersey so notifies the
13 commission of such determination, then any such contract entered into
14 subsequent to such notification shall be submitted to the respective
15 comptroller of the state of New York or the comptroller of the state of
16 New Jersey for his or her approval and shall not be a valid enforceable
17 contract unless it shall first have been approved by the respective
18 comptroller of the state of New York or the comptroller of the state of
19 New Jersey. Such notification shall identify the process for submission,
20 the categories of contracts at issue and the time period for which such
21 submission is to take place. The comptroller of the state of New York
22 and the comptroller of the state of New Jersey shall promulgate such
23 rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out his or her
24 responsibilities under this paragraph, including but not limited to the
25 standards for determining which contracts will be subject to his or her
26 review and for approving such contracts.

27 (ii) Where the comptroller of the state of New York or the comptroller
28 of the state of New Jersey, pursuant to subparagraph (i) of this para-
29 graph, has notified the commission that any contract or category of
30 contracts shall be subject to his or her approval, the commission shall
31 include or cause to be included in each such contract a provision
32 informing the other party that such contract is subject to the comp-
33 troller of the state of New York or the comptroller of the state of New
34 Jersey's approval pursuant to the respective comptroller's authority to
35 supervise the accounts of the commission. If the comptroller of the
36 state of New York or the comptroller of the state of New Jersey has not
37 approved or disapproved any contract subject to his or her approval
38 within ninety days of submission to his or her office, such contract
39 shall become valid and enforceable without such approval.

40 (iii) This paragraph shall not apply to: (1) contracts entered into
41 for the issuance of commercial paper or bonded indebtedness, other than
42 contracts with the state of New York or the state of New Jersey provid-
43 ing for the payment of debt service subject to an appropriation; (2)
44 contracts of purchase or sale of energy, electricity or ancillary
45 services made by the commission on a recognized market for goods,
46 services, or commodities in question in accordance with standard terms
47 and conditions of purchase or sale at a market price; (3) contracts for
48 the purchase, sale or delivery of power or energy, fuel, costs and
49 services ancillary thereto, or financial products related thereto, with
50 a term of less than five years; and (4) contracts entered into for the
51 procurement of goods, services or both goods and services made to meet
52 emergencies arising from unforeseen causes or to effect repairs to crit-
53 ical infrastructure that are necessary to avoid a delay in the delivery
54 of critical services that could compromise the public welfare.

55 (iv) The provisions of this paragraph shall not grant or diminish any
56 power or right to review contracts beyond or from that which the comp-

1 troller of the state of New York or the comptroller of the state of New
2 Jersey may have pursuant to his or her authority. If any provisions of
3 this section or its application to any person or circumstance is held
4 invalid by a court of last resort, then this subdivision shall be deemed
5 to be invalid in its entirety.

6 11. Subsidiaries of the commission. (a) The commission shall provide
7 notice to the governor of each state, the majority leader of each house
8 of the legislature of each state, the chair of the senate finance
9 committee of New York, the chair of the senate budget and appropriations
10 committee of New Jersey, the chair of the assembly ways and means
11 committee of New York, and the chair of the assembly budget committee of
12 New Jersey that it will be creating a subsidiary no less than 60 days
13 prior to the formation of the subsidiary.

14 (b) The creation of a subsidiary corporation shall be approved by the
15 board of commissioners.

16 (c) Within 60 days of the effective date of this act, and on or before
17 the first day of January of each year annually thereafter, any subsid-
18 iary corporation, in cooperation with the commission, shall provide to
19 the governor and legislature of each state a report on the subsidiary
20 corporation. The report shall include for each subsidiary:

21 (i) The complete legal name, address, and contact information of the
22 subsidiary;

23 (ii) The structure of the organization of the subsidiary, including
24 the names and titles of each of its members, directors, and officers, as
25 well as a chart of its organizational structure;

26 (iii) The complete bylaws and legal organization papers of the subsid-
27 iary;

28 (iv) A complete report of the purpose, operations, mission, and
29 projects of the subsidiary; and

30 (v) Any other information the subsidiary corporation deems important
31 to include in the report.

32 (d) Sixty days prior to the issuance of any debt by the subsidiary
33 corporation, or the commission on behalf of the subsidiary corporation,
34 the commission shall in addition to any other requirements concerning
35 the issuance of debt by the commission, provide notice to the governor
36 of each state, the majority leader of each house of the legislature of
37 each state, the chair of the senate finance committee of New York, the
38 chair of the senate budget and appropriations committee of New Jersey,
39 the chair of the assembly ways and means committee of New York, and the
40 chair of the assembly budget committee of New Jersey. For purposes of
41 this section, as applicable to New York state "majority leader" shall
42 mean the speaker of the assembly of the New York state legislature or
43 temporary president of the senate of the New York state legislature. For
44 purposes of this section, as applicable to the state of New Jersey
45 "majority leader" shall mean the president of the senate or the speaker
46 of the general assembly of the state of New Jersey.

47 12. (a) Disposition of property by the commission. (i) Any sale of
48 real property by the commission shall be undertaken and conducted pursu-
49 ant to the provisions of the existing laws governing the sale of real
50 property by the commission in the state in which such real property is
51 located and by approval of the board of commissioners.

52 (ii) No disposition of real property, or any interest in real proper-
53 ty, shall be made unless an appraisal of the value of such real property
54 has been made by an independent appraiser and included in the record of
55 the transaction, and, provided further, that no disposition of any other
56 real property, which because of its unique nature or the unique circum-

1 stances of the proposed transaction is not readily valued by reference
2 to an active market for similar real property, shall be made without a
3 similar appraisal.

4 (iii) Disposal of real property for less than fair market value. No
5 property owned, leased, or otherwise in the control of the commission
6 may be sold, leased, or otherwise alienated for less than its fair
7 market value unless:

8 (1) the transferee is a government or other public entity, and the
9 terms and conditions of the transfer require that the ownership and use
10 of the real property will remain with the government or any other public
11 entity; or

12 (2) the purpose of the transfer is within the purpose, mission, or
13 governing statute of the commission and a written determination is made
14 by the board of commissioners that there is no reasonable alternative to
15 the proposed below-market transfer that would achieve the same purpose
16 of such transfer, prior to board approval of such a transfer.

17 (iv) The board of commissioners shall adopt, within six months of the
18 effective date of this act, appropriate rules and regulations concerning
19 disposition, acquisition, and transfer of real property or any interest
20 in real property by the commission which shall, at a minimum, include a
21 requirement that the following information be made available to the
22 board of commissioners at the meeting where approval of such a disposi-
23 tion, acquisition or transfer is scheduled:

24 (1) a full description of the property;

25 (2) a description of the purpose of the disposition, acquisition, or
26 transfer;

27 (3) a statement of the value to be received from such a disposition,
28 acquisition, or transfer;

29 (4) the names of any private parties participating in the disposition,
30 acquisition, or transfer; and

31 (5) in the case of a property disposition for less than fair market
32 value, an explanation and a written determination by the board of
33 commissioners that there is no reasonable alternative to the proposed
34 below-market value that would achieve the same purpose of such disposi-
35 tion.

36 (v) Not less than 10 days in advance of any meeting of the board of
37 commissioners of the commission at which the board of commissioners is
38 to consider an action to authorize the sale of real property owned by
39 the commission, the chief executive officer of the commission shall
40 provide public notice of such proposed action along with relevant mate-
41 rial terms and provisions of such sale including, but not limited to,
42 the information made available pursuant to paragraph (b) of this subdi-
43 vision, by posting on the port authority's website.

44 (vi) The chief executive officer may authorize or arrange for
45 contracts for the sale of personal property owned by the commission upon
46 such terms and conditions as the chief executive officer may deem proper
47 and execute the same on behalf of the commission where the value of such
48 personal property is not in excess of \$1,000,000; provided, however,
49 that personal property valued at more than \$250,000 shall not be sold by
50 authority of the chief executive officer other than to the highest
51 bidder after public advertisement. Where the value of such personal
52 property is in excess of \$1,000,000, the sale of such property must be
53 authorized by the board of commissioners of the commission upon such
54 terms as the board of commissioners may deem proper.

1 (vii) The commission may retain brokers or third-party vendors that
2 facilitate online auctions, or assist in disposing of surplus real and
3 personal property of the port authority.

4 (b) Capital plan. (i) The commission shall adopt a 10-year capital
5 plan that is developed using a comprehensive planning process and risk-
6 based prioritization that considers asset condition, operational and
7 revenue impact, threat assessment, customer service, regional benefit,
8 and regulatory or statutory requirements. The capital plan shall be
9 dependent upon the availability of sufficient funding and other
10 resources to pursue the capital projects proposed for the 10-year peri-
11 od. Performance progress and revisions to reflect changes in programs,
12 policies, and projects and the environment in which the commission oper-
13 ates shall be reviewed regularly by a committee designated by the board
14 of commissioners, and the capital plan shall be revised periodically as
15 necessary and appropriate, and shall be reviewed with the board of
16 commissioners annually. The commission shall publish an annual report on
17 the status of the capital program and such report shall be made publicly
18 available on the commission's website. Prior to adoption of a capital
19 plan, the commission shall make the proposed plan available for public
20 review and comments on its public website for at least four weeks prior
21 to approval, and all comments received by the commission are to be
22 distributed to the board of commissioners for review prior to consider-
23 ation of the capital plan.

24 (ii) The commission shall also provide that major capital projects are
25 monitored by independent engineering consultants. The independent
26 consultants shall prepare annual reports to be provided to the board and
27 made available to the public. The annual reports prepared by independent
28 consultants shall include, but not be limited to, a comparison of actual
29 and target performance measures including, but not limited to, costs and
30 construction schedules, and a narrative explanation of any discrepancy
31 thereof. For the purposes of this subdivision: "major capital project"
32 means an undertaking or program for the acquisition, creation, or devel-
33 opment of any crossing, transportation facility, or commerce facility or
34 any part thereof, with an estimated total project cost in excess of
35 \$500,000,000.

36 (iii) No less than 60 days prior to any board adoption of a capital
37 plan, as described in paragraph (a) of this subdivision, or any major
38 revision of the last adopted capital plan, the commission shall: (1)
39 notify the assembly and senate of the New York state legislature and the
40 general assembly and senate of the New Jersey state legislature of its
41 intention to adopt a capital plan, or any major revision of the last
42 adopted capital plan; (2) submit to the assembly and senate of the New
43 York state legislature and the general assembly and senate of the New
44 Jersey state legislature the proposed capital plan, or any proposal
45 constituting a major revision of the last adopted capital plan, for
46 review by each state legislature; and (3) make the proposed capital
47 plan, including any proposal constituting a major revision of the last
48 adopted capital plan, publicly available on the commission website. In
49 either case, the notice shall recite the major elements of the capital
50 plan to be adopted.

51 (iv) Within 60 days of the notice provided in this paragraph, the
52 commission shall conduct a public hearing about the capital plan or any
53 major revision thereof in New York state and in the state of New Jersey.

54 (v) The commission shall conduct a status update public hearing in New
55 York state and in the state of New Jersey at least once every three
56 years after the adoption of the capital plan by the commission. Such

1 public hearing shall be known as "capital status update hearing" and at
2 such hearing the commission shall provide in detail a written
3 description of the status of all capital plan projects and the costs and
4 the expected costs of those projects. At such public hearing, the
5 commission shall provide a financing plan that identifies the source of
6 funding for each project. The commission shall provide an analysis that
7 compares actual and target performance measures, and a detailed written
8 explanation of any discrepancy thereof at the public hearing.

9 (c) Operating budget. The commission shall prepare a detailed annual
10 operating budget beginning with the fiscal year commencing after the
11 effective date of this act. A preliminary annual operating budget shall
12 be made publicly available on the commission's website in July of every
13 fiscal year and a final annual operating budget shall be made publicly
14 available in February of each fiscal year.

15 13. Exemption from taxes, local laws. (a) The commission shall be
16 performing essential governmental functions in exercising its powers and
17 functions and in carrying out the provisions of this act and of any law
18 relating thereto, and shall not be required to pay any taxes or assess-
19 ments of any character, levied by either state or any local government
20 thereof, upon any of the property used by it or its agents or contrac-
21 tors for the facilitation of the Gateway Program, or any income or
22 revenue therefrom, including any profit from a sale, lease or exchange,
23 or in connection with the transfer thereof or of any real property
24 interest therein. Any bonds or other securities or obligations issued
25 by the commission, their transfer and the interest paid thereon or
26 income therefrom, including any profit from a sale or exchange, shall at
27 all times be free from taxation by either state or any subdivision ther-
28 eof.

29 (b) The commission shall, as a matter of policy, conform to the enact-
30 ments, ordinances, resolutions and regulations of the respective states
31 and local governments where the Gateway Program is located in regard to
32 the construction and maintenance of the Gateway Program and in regard to
33 health and fire protection which would be applicable if the commission
34 were a private corporation, to the extent that the commission finds it
35 practicable to do so, without interfering with, impairing or affecting
36 the efficiency of its purposes under this act, or its ability to effec-
37 tuate the Gateway Program upon a self-supporting basis, or its obli-
38 gations, duties and responsibilities to the two states, its bondholders,
39 if any, and the general public, but the decision of the commission as to
40 whether it is practicable so to do shall be controlling. To that end,
41 the commission shall submit copies of plans and specifications for
42 buildings and structures to the appropriate state and local government
43 officials and shall consult with them with respect thereto, and shall
44 receive their comments and suggestions thereon, but the commission shall
45 make the final determination as to which comments and suggestions to
46 accept in effectuating the Gateway Program.

47 14. Cooperation with governmental entities. Notwithstanding any other
48 provision of state, general, special, charter or local law to the
49 contrary, each state and local government, any agency, instrumentality,
50 department, commission or authority thereof and any bi-state agency are
51 hereby authorized and empowered to cooperate with, aid and assist the
52 commission in effectuating the provisions of this act, as it may be
53 amended or supplemented hereafter.

54 15. Consent to suit, actions, or proceedings. Upon the concurrence of
55 the state of New York, the state of New Jersey, and the state of New
56 York consent to suits, actions or proceedings of any form or nature at

1 law, in equity or otherwise including proceedings to enforce arbitration
2 agreements, against the commission, and to appeals therefrom and reviews
3 thereof, except as hereinafter provided. The foregoing consent does not
4 extend to (a) suits, actions or proceedings upon any causes of action
5 whatsoever accruing before the effective date of this act; (b) suits,
6 actions or proceedings upon any causes of action whatsoever, upon, in
7 connection with, or arising out of any contract, express or implied,
8 entered into or assumed by or assigned to the commission before the
9 effective date of this act (including any supplement to, or amendment,
10 extension or renewal of any such contract, even if such supplement,
11 amendment, extension or renewal is made on or after the effective date
12 of this act), regardless of whether such cause of action accrued before
13 or after that date; (c) civil suits, actions or proceedings for the
14 recovery of statutory penalties; and (d) suits, actions or proceedings
15 for judgments, orders or decrees restraining, enjoining or preventing
16 the commission from committing or continuing to commit any act or acts,
17 other than suits, actions or proceedings by the attorney general of New
18 Jersey or by the attorney general of New York, each of whom is hereby
19 authorized to bring such suits, actions or proceedings in his or her
20 discretion on behalf of any person or persons whatsoever who requests
21 him or her to do so, except in the cases otherwise excluded by this act;
22 provided, that in any such suit, action or proceeding, no judgment,
23 order or decree shall be entered except upon at least two days' prior
24 written notice to the commission of the proposed entry thereof.

25 The commission shall be immune from liability in the state of New
26 Jersey in the same manner and to the same extent as is the state of New
27 Jersey under the provisions of the "New Jersey Tort Claims Act,"
28 N.J.S.59:1-1 et seq., and the "New Jersey Contractual Liability Act,"
29 N.J.S.59:13-1 et seq.

30 The commission shall be immune from liability as though it were the
31 state of New York, except to the extent that such immunity is waived by
32 the state of New York under section 8 of the New York Court of Claims
33 Act.

34 16. Dissolution. (a) The commission shall dissolve on the first day of
35 the thirty-sixth month following the completion of the Gateway Program,
36 provided that plans have been adopted for the transfer of the component
37 projects of the Gateway Program to appropriate agencies, instrumentalities,
38 or entities, which shall include repayment of or an arrangement
39 for the full repayment of any bonds or other securities issued and any
40 other debt incurred for Gateway Program purposes without impairment of
41 the creditworthiness of either state and that any receiving agency,
42 instrumentality, or entity enters into an agreement concerning responsibility
43 for maintenance and upkeep of the relevant component project, and
44 further provided that Amtrak is not unduly prejudiced by such dissolution.
45

46 (b) The governor of New Jersey and the governor of New York may jointly
47 determine that dissolution of the commission on the first day of the
48 thirty-sixth month is impractical and may jointly agree to delay the
49 dissolution until the first day of the forty-eighth month following
50 completion of the Gateway Program to resolve any issues concerning
51 transfer or any component projects or resolution of any outstanding debt
52 or to remedy any undue prejudice to Amtrak resulting from dissolution at
53 an earlier date.

54 (c) The commission shall not remain in existence beyond the first day
55 of the forty-eighth month following completion of the Gateway Program.

1 (d) In the event that the commission is dissolved or transferred
2 pursuant to this subdivision, any officer or employee of the commission
3 shall be eligible for such transfer and appointment, in accordance with
4 the provisions of section 70 of the New York civil service law without
5 further examination. Any such officers or employees so transferred to
6 the commission pursuant to this section, who are members of or benefit
7 under any existing pension or retirement fund or system, shall continue
8 to have all rights, privileges, obligations and status with respect to
9 such fund or system as are now prescribed by law. Nothing set forth in
10 this subdivision shall be construed to impede, infringe or diminish the
11 rights and benefits that accrue to employees and employers through
12 collective bargaining agreements, impact or change an employee's member-
13 ship in a bargaining unit, or otherwise diminish the integrity of the
14 collective bargaining relationship.

15 17. Amendment to agreement. The provisions of this agreement may be
16 amended, altered, supplemented, or repealed from time to time by the
17 action of the legislature of either state concurred in by the legisla-
18 ture of the other. For the purposes of this subdivision, "this agree-
19 ment" means subdivisions one through eighteen of this act.

20 18. Severability. If any provision of this act or the application
21 thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, including as not
22 in accordance with federal law or federal constitutional requirements,
23 such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of
24 this act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or
25 application and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to
26 be severable.

27 § 3. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 5 of section 209 of the civil
28 service law, as added by chapter 929 of the laws of 1986, is amended to
29 read as follows:

30 (a) In the event that the board certifies that a voluntary resolution
31 of the contract negotiations between either (i) the New York city trans-
32 it authority (hereinafter referred to as TA-public employer) and the
33 public employee organization certified or recognized to represent the
34 majority of employees of such TA-public employer, or (ii) the metropol-
35 itan transportation authority, including its subsidiaries, the New York
36 city transit authority, including its subsidiary, and the Triborough
37 bridge and tunnel authority (all hereinafter referred to as MTA-public
38 employer) and a public employee organization certified or recognized to
39 represent employees of such MTA-public employer not subject to the
40 jurisdiction of the Federal Railway Labor Act and not subject to the
41 provisions of subparagraph (i) [~~hereof~~] of this paragraph, which has
42 made an election pursuant to paragraph (f) of this subdivision, or (iii)
43 the gateway development commission and the public employee organization
44 certified or recognized to represent employees of such commission,
45 cannot be effected, or upon the joint request of the TA-public employer
46 [~~or~~], the MTA-public employer (hereinafter jointly referred to as public
47 employer) or the gateway development commission and any such affected
48 employee organization, such board shall refer the dispute to a public
49 arbitration panel, consisting of one member appointed by the public
50 employer, one member appointed by the employee organization and one
51 public member appointed jointly by the public employer and employee
52 organization who shall be selected within ten days after receipt by the
53 board of a petition for creation of the arbitration panel. If either
54 party fails to designate its member to the public arbitration panel, the
55 board shall promptly, upon receipt of a request by either party, desig-
56 nate a member associated in interest with the public employer or employ-

1 ee organization he is to represent. Each of the respective parties is to
2 bear the cost of its member appointed or designated to the arbitration
3 panel and each of the respective parties is to share equally the cost of
4 the public member. If, within seven days after the mailing date, the
5 parties are unable to agree upon the one public member, the board shall
6 submit to the parties a list of qualified, disinterested persons for the
7 selection of the public member. Each party shall alternately strike
8 from the list one of the names with the order of striking determined by
9 lot, until the remaining one person shall be designated as public
10 member. This process shall be completed within five days of receipt of
11 this list. The parties shall notify the board of the designated public
12 member. The public member shall be chosen as chairman.

13 § 4. Subdivisions 1, 2 and 3 of section 14-c of the transportation
14 law, as added by chapter 639 of the laws of 1971, are amended to read as
15 follows:

16 1. The department of transportation may cooperate and contract with
17 the national railroad passenger corporation or if deemed necessary,
18 desirable or convenient by the commissioner to facilitate the purposes
19 of this section, with the gateway development commission, the entity
20 established by a chapter of the laws of two thousand nineteen, to the
21 extent that such commission is so authorized to act under its authoriz-
22 ing statute, for any intercity rail passenger services deemed necessary,
23 convenient or desirable by the commissioner, within the amounts avail-
24 able by appropriation therefor, as such services are made available
25 pursuant to the provisions of the rail passenger service act of nineteen
26 hundred seventy and any acts amendatory or supplemental thereto, subject
27 to the approval of the director of the budget or pursuant to reimburse-
28 ment available from the gateway development commission, any railroad
29 company, any other state or agency, the federal government, any public
30 authority of this state or any other state or two or more states, or any
31 political subdivision or municipality of the state. Notwithstanding any
32 inconsistent law, general, special or local, the commissioner, as funds
33 are made available for the purposes hereof, is hereby empowered to
34 contract with such corporation or commission and to do all other things
35 necessary, convenient or desirable on behalf of the state to secure the
36 full benefits available under and pursuant to such act and any other
37 federal act which provides funding for intercity rail passenger
38 services, and to contract and do all other things necessary as herein-
39 after provided on behalf of the state to effect ~~[the]~~ and facilitate
40 intercity rail passenger ~~[service program]~~ services which he determines
41 is necessary, convenient or desirable and the department of transporta-
42 tion may cooperate and contract with the gateway development commission
43 for passenger rail activities, to the extent that the gateway develop-
44 ment commission is so authorized to act under its authorizing statute,
45 provided, however, that the department of transportation shall only
46 contract with the gateway development commission if such contract is
47 approved by that commission's board of commissioners in accordance with
48 its authorizing statute.

49 2. The commissioner shall coordinate the intercity rail passenger
50 activities of the state and other interested public and private organ-
51 izations and persons to effectuate the purposes of this section and
52 shall have the responsibility for negotiating with the federal govern-
53 ment with respect to intercity rail passenger service programs. The
54 commissioner is authorized to enter into joint service agreements and
55 other agreements between the state and any railroad company, any other
56 state department or agency, the federal government, the Canadian govern-

1 ment, any other state or agency or instrumentality thereof, any public
2 authority of this state or any other state or two or more states, or any
3 political subdivision or municipality of the state, relating to proper-
4 ty, buildings, structures, facilities, services, rates, fares, classi-
5 fications, dividends, allowances or charges (including charges between
6 intercity rail passenger service facilities), or rules or regulations
7 pertaining thereto, for or in connection with or incidental to transpor-
8 tation in part upon intercity rail passenger service facilities. Inter-
9 city rail passenger service facilities include the right of way and
10 related trackage, rails, cars, locomotives, or other rolling stock,
11 signal, power, fuel, communication and ventilation systems, power
12 plants, stations, terminals, tunnels, storage yards, repair and mainte-
13 nance shops, yards, equipment and parts, offices and other real estate
14 or personnel used or held for or incidental to the operation, rehabili-
15 tation or improvement of any railroad operating intercity rail passenger
16 service or to operate such service, including but not limited to build-
17 ings, structures, and rail property.

18 3. [~~The~~] Notwithstanding any other provision of law, general, special,
19 charter or local, the commissioner may on such terms and conditions as
20 he may determine necessary, convenient or desirable, establish,
21 construct, effectuate, operate, maintain, renovate, improve, extend or
22 repair any such intercity rail passenger service facility or any related
23 services and activities, or may provide for such by contract, lease or
24 other arrangement on such terms as the commissioner may deem necessary,
25 convenient or desirable with any agency, corporation or person, includ-
26 ing but not limited to any railroad company, any state agency, the
27 federal government, the Canadian government, any other state or agency
28 or instrumentality thereof, any public authority of this or any other
29 state or two or more states, or any political subdivision or munici-
30 pality of the state.

31 § 5. a. There shall be three commissioners of the Gateway Development
32 Commission appointed from this state, in accordance with section two of
33 this act, who shall each serve at the pleasure of the governor.

34 b. The three commissioners shall be appointed by the commissioner of
35 the department of transportation.

36 c. All vacancies in the office of commissioner of the Gateway Develop-
37 ment Commission shall be filled in the same manner as the original
38 appointment.

39 d. Each appointment to fill a vacancy occurring or existing by reason
40 of the expiration of a term, shall be for a term expiring on the first
41 day of July in the third year following the date of the expiration of
42 the term of the appointee's predecessor. Each appointment made to fill a
43 vacancy occurring or existing by reason other than the expiration of
44 term shall be for the unexpired portion of the term of the appointee's
45 predecessor.

46 e. All commissioners from this state shall continue to hold office
47 after the expiration of the terms for which they are appointed and until
48 their respective successors are appointed and qualified. No period
49 during which any such commissioner shall hold over shall be deemed to be
50 an extension of the commissioner's term of office for the purpose of
51 computing the date on which a successor's term expires.

52 f. Any commissioner from this state may be removed from office shall
53 be removable by the commissioner of the department of transportation,
54 for inefficiency, breach of fiduciary duty, neglect of duty or miscon-
55 duct in office, provided, however, that such member shall be given a
56 copy of the charges against him and an opportunity of being heard in

1 person, or by counsel, in his or her defense upon not less than ten
2 days' notice.

3 g. The collective vote of the New York commissioners of the Gateway
4 Development Commission shall be determined by the affirmative vote of at
5 least two of the New York commissioners.

6 § 6. This act shall take effect immediately; provided however, that:

7 (a) section two of this act shall take effect upon the enactment into
8 law by the state of New Jersey of legislation having an identical effect
9 with this act, but if the state of New Jersey shall have already enacted
10 such legislation, this act shall take effect immediately; provided that
11 the state of New Jersey shall notify the legislative bill drafting
12 commission upon the occurrence of the enactment of the legislation
13 provided for in this act in order that the commission may maintain an
14 accurate and timely effective data base of the official text of the laws
15 of the state of New York in furtherance of effectuating the provisions
16 of section 44 of the legislative law and section 70-b of the public
17 officers law; and

18 (b) the amendments to subdivision 5 of section 209 of the civil
19 service law made by section three of this act shall not affect the expi-
20 ration of such subdivision and shall be deemed to expire therewith.