

**154.12-223 Department for Business Development.**

- (1) There is created within the Cabinet for Economic Development the Department for Business Development, which shall be headed by a commissioner appointed by the Governor. The department shall work with each Kentucky county in:
  - (a) Providing customer service and project management with new and existing industries;
  - (b) Overseeing programs and initiatives designed to support new investment, job creation, and retention across the state;
  - (c) Providing sufficient technical resources to create and maintain a database to facilitate sales transactions between Kentucky businesses; and
  - (d) Administering activities related to business site selection.
- (2) The following programs shall be attached to the Department for Business Development:
  - (a) The Kentucky port and river development program created by KRS 65.510 to 65.530, KRS 139.483, and KRS 154.80-100 to 154.80-130; and
  - (b) The Waterway Marina Development Program established by KRS 154.80-310.

**Effective:** July 14, 2018

**History:** Amended 2018 Ky. Acts ch. 37, sec. 3, effective July 14, 2018. -- Amended 2014 Ky. Acts ch. 89, sec. 4, effective July 15, 2014. -- Amended 2005 Ky. Acts ch. 181, sec. 6, effective June 20, 2005; and ch. 158, sec. 4, effective June 20, 2005. -- Amended 1998 Ky. Acts ch. 133, sec. 1, effective July 15, 1998. -- Amended 1996 Ky. Acts ch. 113, sec. 4, effective July 15, 1996; ch. 209, sec. 2, effective July 15, 1996; and ch. 262, sec. 1, effective July 15, 1996. -- Created 1994 Ky. Acts ch. 499, sec. 2, effective July 15, 1994.

**Legislative Research Commission Note** (6/20/2005). The Reviser of Statutes has renumbered the subparagraphs of subsection (2)(a) of this statute under the authority of KRS 7.136(1)(a).