

Record Groups EC

Economic Affairs

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Record Group Descriptions and Related Series:

Record Group Number: EA1

Record Group Name: Executive Office of Economic Affairs

Historical Note:

The Executive Office of Economic Affairs, formerly Manpower Affairs, had the policy objectives of full employment and economic growth in Massachusetts, to be achieved through workforce development including assistance to the unemployed and underemployed and job training, and assistance to and promotion of industry and tourism.

The Executive Office of Manpower Affairs was established per St 1969, c 704, s 3, as part of a new gubernatorial cabinet system, comprising the following state agencies: the Dept. of Labor and Industries (including the Division of Employment Security, State Advisory Council and Board of Review, Division of Industrial Accidents, Industrial Accident Rehabilitation Board, and Labor Relations Commission, but excluding some others), the Minimum Wage Commission, Investment Board, and Commission on Employment of the Handicapped.

The executive office acquired the Dept. of Commerce and Development per Exec Order 96, 1973 (per St 1969, c 704, s 50A), transferred from the Executive Office of Communities and Development; the Technical Assistance Strike Force, per St 1974, c 692 (repealed by 1987, c 525, s 2); and the Board of Conciliation and Arbitration, detached from the Dept. of Labor and Industries and reestablished as a separate agency, per Exec Order 198, 1981, correcting St 1981, c 351, s 235, which inadvertently assigned it to a non-existent Executive Office of Labor and Consumer Affairs.

The Executive Office of Manpower Affairs was reconstituted by St 1982, c 668, which also established the Executive Office of Labor. The concerns of the state's employed workforce

were assigned to the latter, to which were transferred the Dept. of Labor and Industries (except for the Division of Employment Security and State Advisory Council and Board of Review), the Minimum Wage Commission, and the Board of Conciliation and Arbitration. The Executive Office of Manpower Affairs, focusing on industrial development and unemployment concerns, retained the Dept. of Commerce and Development, Division of Employment Security (Dept. of Employment and Training per St 1990, c 177, s 13), State Advisory Council and Board of Review, Investment Board, and Commission on Employment of the Handicapped (Commission on Employment of People with Disabilities, per St 1990, c 456, s 7)

From 1977 through 1988 the General Court Manual listed the office as the Executive Office of Economic Development and Manpower Affairs (including also, from 1977 through 1984, a Dept. of Manpower Development), and in 1975 its secretary had, without statutory authority, begun to use the name Executive Office of Economic Affairs. The first legislative attempt to rename the office failed (1979 H 6825), but eventually the office was redesignated by the name in current usage (St 1987, c 525). By this legislation, the Dept. of Commerce and Development was replaced by separate agencies, the Massachusetts Office of Business Development, Office of Travel and Tourism, Office of Film and Video Development, Office of Science and Technology, Office of International Trade and Investment, and Office of Minority and Women Business Development and Employment. St 1991, c 193, s 2 transferred to the office the Division of Energy Resources, formerly in the Executive Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation.

The Executive Office of Economic Affairs was abolished and its constituent agencies redistributed per St 1996, c 57, s 6.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429373>

Related Series:

Secretary's subject files, 1974-1985

Identifier: EC1/946X
Extent: 25.35 cubic feet (20 record center carton)
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by administration, thereunder alphabetically by subject.
Notes: Records were recovered from an offsite storage area; presumably portions were lost or discarded, including most files from 1980-1982.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81179715>

Governor's Economic Development Conference videotapes, 1975-1977

Identifier: EC1/947X

Extent: 2.5 cubic feet (24 videocassettes and 10 videoreels in 2 record center cartons)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81418053>

Speeches and testimony of the secretary, 1983-1986 (bulk 1983-1984)

Identifier: EC1/948X

Extent: 0.7 cubic feet (2 document boxes)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83856612>

Legislative review files, 1976-1989 (bulk 1976-1987)

Identifier: EC1/949X

Extent: 8.75 cubic feet (7 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81062439>

Secretary's correspondence, 1975-1986 (bulk 1975-1978)

Identifier: EC1/950X

Extent: 2.85 cubic feet (2 record center cartons)

Arranged: In 3 subseries:

(1) Outgoing chronological correspondence, 1975-1978

(2) Outgoing correspondence from secretary to governor, 1975-1978

(3) Incoming and outgoing correspondence, 1984-1986;

Arranged within each subseries chronologically.

Notes: Compiled from fragments of three series recovered from offsite storage; 1979-1983 files lacking.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84507186>

General Counsel's subject files, 1981-1988 (bulk 1986-1988)

Identifier: EC1/953X

Extent: 4.1 cubic feet (3 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically by administration, thereunder alphabetically by subject.

Notes: Series was recovered from offsite storage; presumably portions were lost or discarded, including those for 1983-1985.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83026696>

Assistant secretary's policy development files, 1977

Identifier: EC1/954X
Extent: 0.52 cubic feet (2 document boxes)
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by subject.
Notes: Records were recovered from offsite storage; presumably portions were lost or discarded.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83088271>

Undersecretary's project files, 1982-1991

Identifier: EC1/1923X
Extent: 6.7 cubic feet (4 record center cartons)
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by subject.
Notes: Series first collated in 1989 from files belonging to the undersecretary in his previous capacity as economic advisor to the governor.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78514886>

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Record Group Number: EC3**Record Group Name: Division of Employment Security****Historical Note:**

St 1935, c 479, s 4 established the Unemployment Compensation Commission in, but not subject to, the Dept. of Labor and Industries. St 1939, c 20, s 1 replaced it with the Division of Unemployment Compensation; St 1941, c 685 renamed that body the Division of Employment Security. St 1982, c 668, which transferred the Dept. of Labor and Industries to the Executive Office of Labor from the Executive Office of Manpower Affairs, retained the Division of Employment Security in the latter office (s 4) (Executive Office of Economic Affairs per St 1987, c 525), until it was superseded in 1988.

Subsequent history: St 1988, c 236, s 19 established the Dept. of Employment and Training, replacing the Division of Employment Security and the Office of Training and Employment Policy; St 1996, c 151, s 110 et seq. renamed it Division of Employment and Training within the Dept. of Labor and Workforce Development, replaced by a Division of Unemployment Assistance as well as a Division of Career Services in the Dept. of Labor (St 2003, c 26, s 554).

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429788>

Related Series:

Board of Review decisions, 1938-1988

Identifier: EC3/820
Extent: 208.75 cubic feet (167 record center cartons)
Arranged: Arranged by case number (roughly chronologically).
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80931963>

Annual reports, 1954-1978

Identifier: EC3/1318 (subseries)
Extent: 1 pamphlet box
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.
Notes: Reports for: 1967-1969, 1975 missing.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122469607>

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Record Group Number: EC4

Record Group Name: Governor's Commission on the Future of Mature Industries

Historical Note:

The commission was established in 1983 to survey and analyze the condition of the Massachusetts manufacturing base; catalog existing and needed resources for financing, management, marketing, plant modernization, and technical assistance; profile the workforce of mature industries and analyze its retraining needs; investigate plant closings and appropriate responses to them; and develop recommendations for assistance to troubled industries, including legislation and actions by the government, private sector, and organized labor. To fulfill this mandate, the commission met, conducted research, and held public hearings, as reflected in these administrative records.

Related Series:

Administrative records, 1983-1984

Identifier: EC4/951X
Extent: 1.77 cubic feet (1 record center carton and 2 document boxes)
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79789740>

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Record Group Number: EC5

Record Group Name: Foreign Business Council

Historical Note:

The Massachusetts Foreign Business Council was established (Exec order 169, Aug 28, 1979) to advise the governor of Massachusetts on policies and programs to increase exports, promote foreign investment in the Commonwealth, and coordinate the official visits of potential investors and foreign dignitaries. These administrative records reflect its activities.

Related Series:

Administrative records, 1979-1981

Identifier: EC5/952X

Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 record center carton)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81106422>

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Record Group Number: EC7

Record Group Name: Massachusetts Technology Development Corporation

Historical Note:

Per Massachusetts St 1978, c 497, the Massachusetts Technology Development Corporation (MTDC), a state-run venture capital firm, was established as a quasi-public corporation in response to the high Massachusetts unemployment rate. The MTDC was intended to create jobs by addressing the capital gap for start-up companies and encouraging the growth of early-stage technology firms. As of 2012, the MTDC is called MassVentures. Series consists of MTDC board of directors briefing books as well as files of former MTDC president John F. Hodgman. For a detailed history of the MTDC see Hodgman's The Massachusetts Technology Development Corporation (MTDC) : how the Massachusetts venture capital firm leveraged private investments to create jobs (Bloomington, Ind. : Universe, c2015).

Related Series:

Board of directors administrative files, 1984-2001

Identifier: EC7/2656

Extent: 8.25 cubic feet (7 record center carton)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional description: <https://www.worldcat.org/oclc/1007295516>

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