



Ohio Sunset Review Committee

Agency Questionnaire

Agency Name Department of Administrative Services (DAS) – Ohio Business Gateway Steering Committee

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Agency's primary purpose and its various goals and objectives:

The mission of the Ohio Business Gateway (OBG) is to make doing business in Ohio easy and efficient by providing eGovernment services that are simple and secure. OBG is a nationally recognized, collaborative initiative of state and local government agencies and an important part of Ohio's digital government strategy. Gateway services offer Ohio's businesses a time and money saving online filing and payment system that helps simplify businesses' relationships with government agencies.

The purpose of the OBG Steering Committee is to direct the continuing development of the Ohio business gateway and to oversee its operations. The committee provides general oversight regarding the operation of OBG, as well as recommends enhancements that will improve the OBG system. The committee looks at all banking, technological, administrative, and other issues associated with OBG and makes recommendations regarding the type of reporting forms or other tax documents to be filed through the OBG platform.

Agency's past and anticipated workload, number of staff required to complete workload, and total number of staff:

The OBG Steering Committee currently has no staff but may hire professional, technical, and clerical staff needed to support its activities.

Agency's past and anticipated budgets and its sources of funding:

The OBG Steering Committee has no budget.

For FY2020 and FY2021, the Ohio Business Gateway received a general revenue appropriation of \$15,452,605 and \$14,475,507.68, respectively.

Number of members of its governing board or other governing entity and their compensation, if any:

Per Ohio Revised Code 5703.57, the OBG Steering Committee shall consist of up to fourteen (14) members. The committee shall consist of:

(1) The following members, appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate:

- (a) Not more than four representatives of the business community;
- (b) Not more than one representative of municipal tax administrators, as defined in section 718.01 of the Revised Code, selected from a list of candidates provided by the Ohio municipal league; and
- (c) Not more than two tax practitioners.

(2) The following ex officio members:

- (a) The director or other highest officer of each state agency that has tax reporting forms or other tax documents filed with it through the Ohio business gateway or the director's designee;
- (b) The secretary of state or the secretary of state's designee;
- (c) The treasurer of state or the treasurer of state's designee;
- (d) The director of budget and management or the director's designee;
- (e) The state chief information officer or the officer's designee;
- (f) The tax commissioner or the tax commissioner's designee;
- (g) The director of development or the director's designee;
- (h) The governor or the governor's designee.

Agency-recommended legislative changes to improve organizational efficiency:

DAS has no legislative recommendations currently.

Additional notes:

In regards to the OBG platform itself, Ohio businesses can use it to access various services such as payments and submission of business transactions with many state agencies. OBG also partners with local governments to enable businesses to file and pay selected Ohio municipal income taxes.

By offering a single website for electronic filing, OBG provides businesses with an easier means to comply with multiple regulatory requirements, and it reduces or eliminates the postage expenses, repetitious data entry, mathematical mistakes, and potential for overlooking required data that typically accompany paper-based methods. Furthermore, OBG directly benefits government by helping to reduce administrative costs and improve quality, lowering barriers to develop on-line applications, and providing significant exposure to OBG's growing number of business users.

The following agencies have partnered with OBG to offer filing services for selected regulatory and compliance activities administered by the agencies. By offering services on the Gateway, the service partners continue to serve as the official administrator of the respective service(s).

- Department of Administrative Services, Equal Opportunity Division
- Department of Commerce, Division of Unclaimed Funds
- Department of Job and Family Services, Office of Unemployment Insurance Operations
- Municipal Tax Agencies and Administrators
- Department of Taxation
- Development Services Agency, InvestOhio
- Ohio Public Employees Deferred Compensation Program