

EXECUTIVE ORDER 83-06

Location and Operation of State Laboratories

Several studies of the operation and location of state laboratories have shown that greater economies will result from consolidating or collocating state laboratories at fewer sites and from improving coordination of state agency laboratory services.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Spellman, Governor of the state of Washington, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby order the following:

1. The Director, Department of General Administration, in cooperation with the State Patrol and with the Departments of Agriculture, Ecology, Labor and Industries, and Social and Health Services, shall develop a cost-effective plan and schedule for collocating laboratories in the Olympia area at a single site in Olympia and for collocating laboratories in the Seattle area at a single site in Seattle.
2. There is hereby established a State Laboratory Coordinating Council (LCC). The directors of the Departments of Agriculture, Ecology, Labor and Industries, and Social and Health Services and the Chief of the State Patrol shall each designate a representative to the LCC. The LCC shall elect its own chairperson and meet regularly to improve coordination of services, exchange information on laboratory operations, and promote joint use of equipment.
3. No state agency shall purchase an item of laboratory equipment costing more than \$30,000 without a certification attached to the purchase order stating that the capacity to perform the test for which the equipment is desired is not available on a timely and cost-effective basis at a laboratory of another state agency.
4. The LCC shall explore the continued cooperative use of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Manchester laboratory for expensive specialized analysis.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the State of Washington to be affixed at Olympia this 18th day of April A.D., Nineteen hundred and eighty-three.

John Spellman
Governor of Washington

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Secretary of State
