

### **Driver 3: Government/Regulatory Environment**

A 1999 study titled COMPETE addressed issues on local government efficiency. A Chamber-led follow-up study, to be released in early 2004, will quantify potential savings of government reorganization recommendations.

#### Goal 1

Create a fundamental philosophical shift in Indiana's regulatory environment to one where business is viewed as a "solutions partner"

##### Initiatives

1. Require dynamic fiscal impact analysis of proposed laws and regulations that impact the private sector.
2. Actively advocate coordinated state agency priorities of economic growth, quality growth and customer service to be a principal philosophy and practice of the next governor's administration.
3. Work with the public sector to include in the primary mission of regulatory agencies a philosophical shift to assist companies with compliance and work in partnership with them on solutions – with the environmental area as the initial test area.

#### Goal 2

Advocate and enable local governments to reorganize to meet modern-day demands for services

##### Initiatives

1. Complete fiscal analysis of COMPETE study and execute communication strategy to targeted audiences to raise awareness of potential savings and efficiencies at local/regional level.
2. Develop local incentives and programs to remove barriers to local government reorganization and regionalization.
3. Pass legislation to enable communities to enter into joint ventures and tax base/revenue sharing for collaborative development projects.
4. Enact legislation to place all property tax assessment at the county level.
5. Promote increased competition into the system of local government services as a viable option to improve service and results for taxpayers.
6. With the new Government Efficiency Commission, advocate streamlining government using business expertise to work with officials to improve intergovernmental coordination of forms and procedures (one-stop shopping).