

Credit Corporation of Maryland, was created in 1959 to stimulate business and industry by making loans to small businesses when conventional financing was unavailable.

Department of Employment and Social Services. The move to improve administration of State government by grouping agencies with related functions under cabinet-level executive departments produced in 1970 the Department of Employment and Social Services and the Department of Economic and Community Development. In 1975, the Department of Employment and Social Services became the Department of Human Resources. Later, the Employment Security Administration (direct descendant of the Unemployment Compensation Board of 1936) was abolished and its responsibilities transferred from the Department of Human Resources to a new Department of Employment and Training (Chapter 64, Acts of 1983). The new Department also absorbed the Apprenticeship and Training Council from the Department of Licensing and Regulation.

Department of Economic and Employment Development. The Department of Economic and Employment Development was created in 1987 (Chapter 311, Acts of 1987). It contains agencies and programs formerly administered by its immediate predecessors, the Department of Economic and Community Development and the Department of Employment and Training.

To generate jobs in Maryland, the Department of Economic and Employment Development attracts new businesses, encourages the expansion and retention of existing facilities, and provides financial assistance and training. The Department publicizes Maryland's attributes, and markets local products at home and abroad to stimulate economic development, international trade, and tourism. For persons seeking employment, job match services, training, and unemployment insurance are provided. The Department also invests in the arts and promotes sports events.

Departmental objectives are pursued by six divisions: Business Resources; Business Development; Maryland International Division; Financing Programs; Employment and Training; and Tourism and Promotion. The Division of Administration provides support to the operational divisions.

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The Secretary of Economic and Employment Development is chief executive officer of the Department and is appointed by the Governor with Senate advice and consent. The Secretary sets policy, promulgates rules and regulations, and determines the strategies necessary to fulfill the Department's mandate. The Secretary is responsible for the budget of the Department, its boards, commissions, and offices.

The Secretary serves on the Governor's Executive Council; the Governor's International Cabinet; the Cabinet Council for Career and Technology Education; the Governor's Construction Industry Employers' Advisory Council; the Governor's Commission on Growth in the Chesapeake Region; the Governor's Council on Adolescent Pregnancy; and the Governor's Volunteer Council. The Secretary also serves on the Maryland Industrial Development Financing Authority; the Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority; the State Use Industries Advisory Committee; the Maryland Advisory Council for Individuals with Disabilities; the Interdepartmental Advisory Committee for Minority Affairs; the Interagency Committee on Aging Services; the State Commission on Neighborhoods; the Community

Reinvestment Board; and the Emergency Management Advisory Council.

The Secretary is assisted in the administration of the Department by the Deputy Secretary. The Deputy Secretary is appointed by the Secretary with the approval of the Governor.

The Office of the Secretary serves as a liaison between State government and Maryland's federal facilities and defense contractors. The Office also oversees the Department's formulation of policy and programs and its involvement in statewide technology initiatives. Within the Office of the Secretary are offices for federal facilities and technology, legislative liaison, public information, program analysis and audit, equal opportunity, and research. The Office of Research issues the *Maryland Statistical Abstract*.

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Created in 1987, the Division of Administration provides advice, guidance, and technical support on administrative management to senior program directors and agencies of the Department. It bears prime responsibility for developing departmental budget proposals and projections.

The Division maintains fund accounts, administers personnel matters, and purchases and procures prod-