

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

HIGH TECHNOLOGY ROUNDTABLE

WHEREAS, High technology is one of the major growth sectors in the American economy and has accounted for 75% of the net growth in national manufacturing employment over the past 20 years;

WHEREAS, Maryland already contains over 1,000 high technology firms employing nearly 80,000 workers;

WHEREAS, Maryland's ready source of labor, diverse and high quality educational services, accessible location and quality of life are among features which make it ideally suited for the growth and expansion of high technology firms;

WHEREAS, Maryland State government and local governments have embarked on aggressive economic development programs for the attraction and expansion of high technology industries;

WHEREAS, Cooperation between industry and government is necessary to plan effectively policies and resources conducive to the growth of high technology industries;

WHEREAS, The Governor's Ad Hoc Committee on High Technology recommended that a high technology roundtable be appointed to build on Maryland's strong foundation through forging an effective partnership between the public and the private sectors to propel Maryland into a leadership position in high technology industries.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HARRY HUGHES, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF MARYLAND, HEREBY ISSUE THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE ORDER, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

SECTION 1. (a) There is a Governor's High Technology Roundtable consisting of not more than 30 members.

(b) The Governor shall appoint members who collectively shall represent the Executive and the Legislative Branches of the Maryland Government, the business and the financial communities of Maryland, and the business concerns employing high technology. The Governor shall designate one member as chairman.

(c) The term of each of the members is coterminous with the term of the Governor.

SECTION 2. (a) The Governor's High Technology Roundtable shall: