

survey of industrial medical care facilities offered by Maryland employers; a study of the growth of manufactures in Maryland during the years 1921-1947; a survey of newly-established manufacturing firms in the State, which was carried on to determine the reasons for their selecting Maryland as a location; and an economic prospectus of the Baltimore Metropolitan Area. The Commission publishes a monthly *News Letter*.

Expenditures, 1950 .....	\$60,731.12
Appropriation, 1951 .....	63,704.00
Staff: 14.	



## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

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The Department of Public Improvements was created by the Legislature in 1947. The Director of Public Improvements, the designated head of the Department, is appointed by the Governor for a term of four years (Acts 1951, Ch. 371).

The duties of the Department of Public Improvements consist, in part, of the following: To assist and advise the Board of Public Works and other State agencies on all matters of engineering surveys, plans, specifications and contracts for public improvements that may come before the Board or in which a State agency may be interested; to select and appoint architects and engineers, subject to approval of the Board of Public Works, to prepare plans and specifications for all public improvements; to assist the State Planning Commission in the development of technical details necessary for the preparation of the Capital Improvement Program; to collect and maintain a complete and accurate file of plats and surveys of the location of all public improvements; and to represent the Board of Public Works at the opening of all bids for public improvements and tabulate, record and advise the Board of such bids.

The Department maintains an inspection division with representation on all major projects to insure adherence to established standards and specifications. As charged by law, the Department prepared and presented a State Building Code to the 1951 session of the General Assembly.

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