

The Authority endeavors to promote and increase commerce within its territorial jurisdiction through public relations programs, publication of literature, purchase of advertising, solicitation of business by correspondence and traveling representatives, and participation in, and cooperation with, civic, technical, professional, and business organizations and associations. To this end, the Authority currently maintains field offices in Pittsburgh, Chicago, New York, and Brussels, Belgium.

Appropriations	1959	1960
Special Funds	\$1,650,000	\$1,800,000
Staff: 74.		

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Commission

Chairman: Harry A. Boswell, Jr., 1965

Martin Dwyer, 1960; Harold J. Lipscomb, 1960; J. Frank Raley, Jr., 1960; Howard E. Harrison, Jr., 1961; William L. Jones, 1961; Joseph Kinlein, 1961; Jerold C. Hoffberger, 1963; William B. Wheeler, 1963; Alvin H. Wilson, 1963; Bernard Manekin, 1965; C. Awdry Thompson, 1965.

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The General Assembly created the Department of Economic Development in 1959 to supersede the Department of Information. The new Department promotes programs to "develop . . . the State's natural resources and economic opportunities pertaining to commerce, agriculture, mining, forestry, transportation, travel, tourism, and recreation," and encourages new industries and businesses to locate in the State.

The Commission consists of twelve members, appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. Members serve for six years and have overlapping tenure of office. Two represent the Eastern Shore; two, Central Maryland; two, Southern Maryland; two, Western Maryland; two, Baltimore City; and two, the State at large. Members serve without compensation and may be reappointed. The chairman is chosen by the Governor and serves during his pleasure. The Commission selects, and the Governor appoints, the Director of the Department.

The Commission assembles and disseminates information in the interest of industrial development and the promotion of tourism, enters into contracts, and is empowered to utilize all existing State agencies, boards, commissions, and institutions as sources of information, except in such cases as are provided by law to be confidential and secret. The Commission may appoint advisory boards and committees.

Appropriations	1959 ¹	1960
General Fund	\$59,130	\$175,000
Staff: 8.		

¹Department of Information.