

of 1959 "for the general purpose of advancing the economic welfare of the people through programs and activities to develop . . . the State's natural resources and economic opportunities pertaining to commerce, agriculture, mining, forestry, transportation, travel, tourism, and recreation, and to promote and encourage the location of new industries and businesses in the State . . . and . . . the retention and expansion of present enterprises . . . and to foster and develop gainful employment . . ." for residents of 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 at his pleasure. The Commission selects and the Governor appoints the Director of the Department.

The Department assembles and disseminates information in the interest of economic, industrial, and tourist development; conducts studies to determine areas of special economic opportunity for the State and ways of exploiting such opportunities for the maximum benefit of the State and its residents; 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 programs of the Department are carried out through its three Divisions:

The Business and Industrial Development Division promotes and publicizes Maryland's advantages and opportunities for the location of new business and industries and the expansion of existing enterprises, and works with prospects and communities toward these ends. It initiates and maintains contacts with business and industrial prospects, answers their requests for information, and informs them about all Maryland locations which might meet their requirements. It arranges for industrial prospects to visit Maryland communities of their choosing, and escorts them on such trips. The Division also assists, encourages, and cooperates with community, regional, and area development efforts, both public and private, including working with community groups in the preparation of Community Economic Inventories and other business and industrial reference and promotional publications.

The Research Division is responsible for the accumulation, analysis, and presentation of state-wide and regional economic data for the Department and for the conduct of studies to determine areas of special economic opportunity for the State and ways of exploiting such opportunities for the maximum benefit of the State and its residents. Insofar as is practicable the Division assembles, classifies, and makes readily available all data pertaining to Maryland's economic resources and problems; it analyzes that data and translates it into accurate and concise answers to authentic inquiries; makes special studies in response to unusual or important demands; and systematically explores Maryland's economy in search of special advantages for any particular industry, tourist or recreational facility or activity, or other beneficial economic opportunity. The Division also provides staff support for the Governor's Science Resources Advisory Board.

An additional responsibility of the Department of Economic Development is the coordination of the three separate programs of regional development inaugurated in the course of 1964 and 1965. Two of these programs are being carried out by special regional organizations, namely the Delmarva Advisory Council and the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland, to the financial support of which the State