

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT

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The Department of Economic and Employment Development was created in 1987 (Senate Bill no. 699). Within the Department are agencies and programs formerly administered by the Department of Employment and Training and the Department of Economic and Community Development.

The Department includes the Division of Business Development, the Office of International Trade, each of the Maryland Financing Authorities, and the Divisions of Tourism and Promotion, Employment and Training, and Administration.

THE SECRETARY

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

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.

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The Division of Research provides analytical support for Departmental economic policy-making and economic development planning. It

prepares detailed analyses of current issues affecting the Maryland economy. It also collects and maintains a data base for research needs of the Department, other government agencies, and the private sector. The Division represents the Department on numerous statewide committees and task forces and prepares, and in some cases presents, testimony on behalf of the Department.

The primary responsibility of the Division is to study the performance of the State's economy in order to provide quantitative and analytical bases for economic policy-making. The Division also responds to the research needs of other divisions within the Department.

The second major responsibility of the Division is to gather and compile technical information. Through this work the Division functions as a statewide information center for Maryland socio-economic and demographic data. It serves as a major contact point between State government and data sources, which include the U.S. Bureau of the Census, the U.S. Department of Commerce, the Federal Reserve Districts, trade associations, nonprofit organizations, and various State and local organizations. The Division also converts basic information into compilations specifically designed for business, industry, and the general public, and prepares a monthly series of economic indicators.