

(1) BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS OF THE FORVM; AND

(2) ASSIST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE FORVM OR BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

(C) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SERVES AT THE PLEASURE OF THE FORVM.

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(A) THE FORVM IS AN INDEPENDENT UNIT IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT AND MAY NOT BE PLACED BY THE GOVERNOR IN ANY PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT.

(B) THE FORVM IS EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF:

(1) DIVISION I OF THE STATE PERSONNEL AND PENSIONS ARTICLE;

(2) DIVISION II OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN § 11-203(B) OF THAT ARTICLE; AND

(3) TITLE 10, SUBTITLE 1 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

(C) (1) THE FORVM SHALL RECEIVE ANNUAL FUNDING THROUGH AN APPROPRIATION IN THE STATE BUDGET.

(2) THE SECRETARY OF ECONOMIC AND EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT SHALL INCLUDE WITHOUT REVISION THE BUDGET REQUEST OF THE FORVM WITH THE BUDGET REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT.

(D) THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT SHALL PROVIDE THE FORVM WITH NECESSARY STAFF AND RESOURCES, INCLUDING OFFICE SPACE IF DESIRED BY THE FORVM.

(E) EACH UNIT IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT SHALL PARTICIPATE IN THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE FORVM AND WORK WITH THE FORVM ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE UNIT.

(F) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL SERVE AS LEGAL ADVISOR TO THE FORVM.

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THE FORVM MAY:

(1) MAINTAIN AN OFFICE AT A LOCATION THAT THE FORVM DESIGNATES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FORVM BUDGET;

(2) EMPLOY, AS REGULAR EMPLOYEES OR AS INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS, STAFF THAT THE FORVM CONSIDERS NECESSARY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FORVM BUDGET;

(3) ENTER INTO CONTRACTS;