

(3) THE TYPE OF SUPPORT THE DEPARTMENT WILL PROVIDE TO EACH REGIONAL TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL, WHICH MAY TAKE THE FORM OF GRANTS, LOANS, IN-KIND ASSISTANCE, ADVICE, OR OTHER ASSISTANCE THE OFFICE CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE.

[2-104.] 3-206.

So far as may be practicable in performance of its duties in connection with collection and assembling of information, the [Division] OFFICE shall make use of pertinent data secured from the boards, commissions, agencies and institutions of this State. The [Division] OFFICE shall have access to all records, data, information and statistics of such other boards, commissions, agencies and institutions except records or information required by law to be confidential and secret.

[Title 7. Maryland International Division.]

SUBTITLE 3. OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE.

[7-101.] 3-301.

(a) There is [a Maryland International Division] AN OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE within the Department to promote the development of international trade activities and opportunities for the citizens of this State.

(b) In furtherance of the purpose set forth in subsection (a) of this section, the [Division] OFFICE shall:

(1) Encourage Maryland businesses to increase international trade activities, with special emphasis on exports, by:

(i) Providing informational and consultative services on the international trade process including, but not limited to, market research and selection, marketing techniques and risks, foreign trade laws and regulations, and the availability of private or public financing;

(ii) Developing publications to facilitate the exchange of product and services information between Maryland businesses and foreign businesses;

(iii) In cooperation with local government and the private sector, initiating and organizing trade missions to and from foreign countries and participation in trade fairs;

(iv) Establishing an outreach program to small and medium sized businesses with export potential that provides counseling and that utilizes experienced private sector exporters and other qualified individuals;

(v) Assisting, where appropriate, in obtaining export related financing through the Maryland Industrial Development Financing Authority and other federal, local, or private programs; and

(vi) Channeling trade leads and providing a list of prescreened foreign intermediaries;