

(2) three members of the Senate of Maryland, one each from Western Maryland, Southern Maryland, and the Eastern Shore, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(3) three technical experts representing public sector agencies and universities appointed jointly by the Chairmen of the Southern Maryland, Western Maryland, and Eastern Shore delegations to the General Assembly;

(4) the Secretary of Budget and Management, or the Secretary's designee;

(5) the Secretary of Business and Economic Development, or the Secretary's designee;

(6) the Chairman of the Public Service Commission, or the Chairman's designee; and

(7) the following members appointed by the Governor:

(i) a representative of the Maryland Technology Development Corporation;

(ii) a representative of the Forum for Rural Maryland;

(iii) a representative of the Tri-County Council for Western Maryland;

(iv) a representative of the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland;

(v) a representative of the Tri-County Council for the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland;

(vi) a representative of the Mid-Shore Regional Council;

(vii) a local government representative from Carroll County or Frederick County; and

(viii) a local government representative from Harford County, Cecil County, Kent County, or Queen Anne's County.

(c) The Governor shall designate the Chairman of the Task Force.

(d) The Chairman of the Task Force may establish subcommittees of the Task Force to assist in the work of the Task Force.

(e) A member of the Task Force may not receive compensation for serving on the Task Force, but is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(f) (1) The Chairman of the Task Force may convene a panel of advisors to solicit comments and recommendations on broadband communications in rural areas and other issues defined by the Task Force.