

(10) a representative of the Western Maryland "One Maryland" Task Force, selected by the members of the Western Maryland Task Force;

(11) a representative of the Eastern Shore "One Maryland" Task Force, selected by the members of the Eastern Shore Task Force;

(12) a representative of the Maryland Farm Bureau;

(13) a representative of the Maryland Forests Association;

(14) a representative of the Maryland Saltwater Sportsfishermen's Association;

(15) a representative of the Maryland Aggregates Association;

(16) a representative of the Maryland Watermen's Association;

(17) a representative of the Maryland Nursery and Landscape Association; and

(18) one representative from each of the following regional councils, appointed by the respective council's executive director:

(i) Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland;

(ii) Tri-County Council for Western Maryland;

(iii) Tri-County Council for the Lower Eastern Shore; and

(iv) Mid-Shore Regional Council.

(c) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House shall jointly designate two of the members as cochairmen of the Task Force.

(d) The Task Force shall:

(1) establish an interagency workgroup and its specific charge within the operation of the Task Force;

(2) study the current and anticipated needs for grants and loans for specific elements of rural business development, such as niche market development, technology transfer, research and development, and micro-enterprise development for resource based industries;

(3) consider the factors involved in, and investigate the feasibility of, the:

(i) creation of a staff position to act as an information clearinghouse for resource based industries;

(ii) creation or enhancement of a pool of grant funds for resource based innovation and research; and

(iii) sponsorship of education and networking seminars to enhance the quality and quantity of economic development opportunities available to rural businesses;