

(V) THREE MEMBERS REPRESENTING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN THE STATE;

(VI) THREE MEMBERS REPRESENTING FEDERAL AGENCIES LOCATED IN THE STATE; AND

(VII) THREE MEMBERS REPRESENTING HIGH-TECH INDUSTRIES LOCATED IN THE STATE.

(C) TO THE EXTENT FEASIBLE, THE MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE SHALL BE APPOINTED TO REPRESENT THE GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY OF THE STATE.

(D) THE GOVERNOR MAY REMOVE A MEMBER FOR FAILURE REGULARLY TO ATTEND MEETINGS OF THE TASK FORCE.

(E) FROM AMONG THE MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE THE GOVERNOR SHALL SELECT A CHAIRMAN.

(F) THE CHAIRMAN MAY ESTABLISH SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE TASK FORCE TO ASSIST IN THE WORK OF THE TASK FORCE.

(G) THE MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE:

(1) SHALL SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION; BUT

(2) ARE ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

(H) THE TASK FORCE SHALL:

(1) STUDY DEVELOPMENTS IN REGIONS OF THE COUNTRY WHERE HIGH-SPEED COMPUTER NETWORKING IS BEING DEVELOPED, INCLUDING NORTH CAROLINA, CALIFORNIA, VIRGINIA, AND WEST VIRGINIA, ASSESSING THE COMPUTER NETWORKING INFRASTRUCTURE IN THOSE AREAS, THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF THEIR NETWORKS, AND THE DIRECT AND INDIRECT BENEFITS AND COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THEIR NETWORKS AND INTERCONNECTIONS WITH THEM;

(2) ASSESS:

(I) THE NEED FOR, USES OF, AND MEANS TO ENCOURAGE AND DEVELOP HIGH-SPEED COMPUTER NETWORKING THROUGHOUT THE STATE;

(II) THE RESOURCES, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND COST STRUCTURES NOW IN PLACE OR AVAILABLE IN THE VARIOUS REGIONS OF THE STATE FOR DEVELOPING HIGH-SPEED COMPUTER NETWORKING;

(III) SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM BENEFICIARIES OF HIGH-SPEED COMPUTER NETWORKING, AND THE CONTRIBUTIONS THAT THEY MAY MAKE TO DEVELOPMENT OF THAT NETWORKING CAPACITY IN THE STATE;