

Governor Martin O'Malley Named BIO Governor of the Year

Awards presentation to be held May 5 at BIO 2010 International Conference in Chicago



BALTIMORE, MD (May 3, 2010) –Recognized for his outstanding leadership in growing and promoting Maryland's biotechnology industry, Governor Martin O'Malley will receive the BIO Governor of the Year Award this week at the 2010 BIO International Convention, being held May 3-6 in Chicago. The award is being presented by Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO) CEO Jim Greenwood and Maryland Life Sciences Advisory Board (LSAB) Chairman H. Thomas Watkins during the convention's Keynote Luncheon on Wednesday, May 5. The Tech Council of Maryland and MdBio nominated the Governor for the award.

"I am honored to receive this prestigious award on behalf of Maryland's entire biotechnology community," said Governor O'Malley. "I am proud of the work that has been done by the Maryland Life Sciences Advisory Board and our partner organizations, like the Tech Council of Maryland and MdBio, to help us realize the true potential of this vital industry in Maryland. The investments we make today in biotechnology positions the State for sustained future growth and ensures our global leadership in this industry."

"Governor O'Malley has done an exemplary job enhancing and expanding Maryland's stature as one of the nation's most vibrant biotech clusters," said Jim Greenwood, President and CEO of BIO. "His funding and support of biotech tax credits is a model for federal legislation that supports critical early-stage capital formation. His leadership in this field will continue to benefit his state, in terms of jobs and innovation, for years to come."

"Governor O'Malley has demonstrated that he is a true champion of the biotechnology industry and biosciences community," said H. Thomas Watkins, President and CEO of Human Genome Sciences, Inc., and Chairman of the Maryland Life Sciences Advisory Board. "He has provided strong leadership in support of capital formation and many of our other most important issues, both in Maryland and at the national level. His recognition as BIO's 2010 Governor of the Year is well deserved."



"Governor O'Malley's leadership and commitment to advancing biotechnology inspired the Tech Council of Maryland and its MdBio affiliate to nominate the Governor for this award," said Renée Winsky, Chief Executive Officer of the Tech Council of Maryland. "Initiatives like his Maryland BIO 2020 Initiative and the work of his prescribed Life Science's Advisory Board are examples of the relevance and consideration he has placed on Maryland's biotech industry. His unwavering support has led to job creation, expansion, and economic growth of this powerful industry."

This week, Governor O'Malley will promote Maryland's biotechnology assets and resources at BIO 2010, the largest global gathering of the bioscience industry, where he will lead a contingent of 400 attendees from Maryland, including a delegation of

close to 30 Maryland bioscience companies.

Since taking office, Governor O'Malley has spearheaded a number of strategic investments in Maryland's bioscience industry. In 2007, he created the Maryland Life Sciences Advisory Board, which was tasked with developing a comprehensive, long-term plan to maximize Maryland's unique research and development assets, and grow Maryland's life sciences industry. As a result of the Board's work, the Governor last year launched *BioMaryland 2020*, 10-year, \$1.3 billion strategy for moving Maryland's bioscience industry forward. Over the past two years, roughly \$100 million has been spent, or approved for spending, on *BioMaryland* initiatives, not including \$70 million in science and technology related infrastructure at the State's universities and community colleges.

One of the first key deliverables of *BioMaryland 2020* was the launch in September 2009 of the Maryland Biotechnology Center. Part of the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development, the Center is charged with coordinating and consolidating a host of State, university and private sector bio initiatives and resources to make it easier for bio companies to access. The Center provides information and guidance on business strategy and development, access to capital, technology transfer and commercialization, grants, workforce development and training and federal resources.

In addition, the Governor recently announced that \$8 million is available in FY 2011 for the state's highly successful Biotechnology Investor Tax Credit, which has enabled dozens of Maryland biotechnology companies raise nearly \$50 million from investors.

Home to nearly 500 bioscience companies and 50 research-intensive federal institutes and centers, Maryland is well positioned in the global bioscience industry and has been recognized by the Milken Institute as one of the top tier states highly specialized in overall bioscience development. Since the early 1990s, Maryland has focused on bioscience development and was one of the first states to develop a strategic plan for the industry.

Over the years, strategic investments have helped Maryland's bioscience industry grow into one of the world's largest bioscience research complexes, known for its wealth of federal facilities, institutions of higher learning and concentration of highly trained bioscience researchers. From 2001 to 2006, the State's bioscience industry grew by nearly 15 percent, adding 3,200 jobs to top more than 25,000 bioscience jobs in Maryland. In addition, from 2002 to 2007, Maryland's university bioscience research soared, growing 44 percent from \$877,000 to \$1.3 billion. Today, Maryland ranks first among the states in federal R&D obligations, according to National Science Foundation data, and second in federal obligations for research and development with \$12.5 billion.

About BIO:

BIO represents more than 1,200 biotechnology companies, academic institutions, state biotechnology centers and related organizations across the United States and in more than 30 other nations. BIO members are involved in the research and development of innovative healthcare, agricultural, industrial and environmental biotechnology products. BIO also produces the BIO International Convention, the world's largest gathering of the biotechnology industry, along with industry-leading investor and partnering meetings held around the world.

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Governor Martin O'Malley Continues "Jobs Across Maryland" Tour

Visits with employees at Cycle World; visits students at Freetown Elementary



BROOKLYN PARK, MD (May 3, 2010) –Fulfilling his commitment to stimulate job creation and help put unemployed Marylanders back to work, Governor Martin O'Malley today continued his "Jobs Across Maryland" tour, and toured and visited with employees at Cycle World, the area's largest volume power sports dealer. Cycle World has applied for the Job Creation and Recovery Tax Credit and has since made three new hires and plans to hire more. Governor O'Malley today also visited with students at Freetown Elementary School, a school that has recently been replaced through school construction funds allocated in FY2008 by the O'Malley-Brown Administration.

"There is no government program that is as important or as empowering as a job for helping a family put food on the table, pay the electric bill, and send their kids to college," said Governor O'Malley. "I want to thank Jeff Hill and his team for putting more Marylanders back to work. It's businesses like Cycle World that help in our efforts to create jobs, protect jobs, empower small businesses, and defend the hard-won progress of our hard-working families."

Through the Jobs tour, Governor O'Malley visited Amethyst Technologies and Randallstown High School in Baltimore County, and visited Gray Graphics in Prince George's County. As the "Jobs Across Maryland" tour continues, Governor O'Malley will visit with large and small Maryland businesses, public schools and career-training programs throughout the State to promote efforts to save and create jobs, including the passage of the emergency Job Creation and Recovery Tax Credit, which offers a \$5,000 tax credit for every unemployed Marylander a company hires. The Governor will also discuss efforts to expand access to credit for Maryland businesses.

During his visit at Cycle World, Governor O'Malley met with employees in the service, parts and accessories, sales, and the showroom departments. He also met with the new employees who were recently hired through the Job Creation and Recovery Tax Credit. Cycle World was one of the first businesses to apply for the Job Creation and Recovery Tax Credit, and recently applied for another on April 30.



Founded in 1984, Cycle World is the area's largest volume power sports dealer. Cycle World features Honda, Kawasaki, Yamaha, and Suzuki motorcycles and ATV's, as well as scooters from Honda, Yamaha and Tomos and personal watercraft from Kawasaki and Yamaha. The company has three locations – two in Brooklyn Park and one in Rosedale. Currently, the company employs about 25, and is currently hiring in the service, parts and accessories departments.

"Through the Job Creation and Recovery Tax Credit, we have been able to hire more employees which has helped grow our business and better serve our customers," said Jeff Hill, General Manager of Cycle World Inc. "We were one of the first companies to apply for the credit, and we hope to be able to hire additional employees through the program."

Following his visit at Cycle World, Governor O'Malley visited with students at Freetown Elementary in Glen Burnie. Governor

O'Malley ate lunch with students and toured the newly constructed 21st century classrooms which include SMART Board technology, and a new science lab. In FY2008, the O'Malley-Brown Administration allocated \$6.7 million for a replacement school. Over the length of the project, Freetown employed about 250 workers for the construction project.

In March of this year, as part of his Economic Recovery Agenda, Governor Martin O'Malley signed into law the Job Creation and Recovery Tax Credit, which offers up to \$5,000 to employers who hire unemployed Marylanders. The tax credit went into effect as of March 25, 2010, and already 51 applications have been certified by the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (DLLR).

To claim the Jobs Tax Credit, employers must apply for and receive certification from DLLR that their hires meet the basic eligibility requirements. The tax credit, considered emergency legislation, will apply to qualified hires made on or after March 25, 2010 through December 31, 2010. An employer may receive a maximum credit of \$5,000 for each qualified employee, up to a total of \$250,000. The tax credit is available on a first-come, first-served basis, with a program limit of \$20 million. Employers can apply online at www.dllr.maryland.gov.

Business representatives in local One-Stop Career Centers can help employers obtain information about the tax credit program and identify qualifying prospective employees who are being served in the career centers. Employers may reach the appropriate business representative by logging on to www.dllr.state.us/county.

For additional information on the Job Creation and Recovery Tax Credit, please call 410-767-2996 or visit www.dllr.maryland.gov.

In addition to signing the Job Creation Tax Credit bill last month, the Governor also signed a bill to modernize the State's unemployment insurance trust fund, and maintain its solvency by leveraging federal funds. Under the Unemployment Insurance – Tax Deferment, Trust Fund Solvency, and Cost-Neutral Modernization Act, Maryland is eligible for \$126.8 million in federal funds to return the UI Trust Fund to solvency at no additional cost to employers, while providing plans to help them in paying their unemployment insurance obligations.

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Governor Martin O'Malley Signs Comprehensive Sex Offender Legislation to Protect Maryland Children, Improve Public Safety

Governor, presiding officers sign comprehensive sex offender reform and tough new gang law

Governor meets with correction officers prior to signing Correctional Officers Bill of Rights

New legislation provides added protection to Maryland's parole agents

Education Reform Act of 2010 improves Maryland's #1 public school system



ANNAPOLIS, MD (May 4, 2010) –Governor Martin O'Malley joined Lt. Governor Anthony Brown, Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller Jr., and House Speaker Michael E. Busch in signing tough new laws improving the public safety and protecting Maryland children from sexual predators. Today, legislation was signed into law instituting mandatory lifetime supervision for violent and repeat sexual offenders, increasing mandatory minimums for child predators, and updating the sex offender registry in Maryland.

“With my signature today, Maryland is moving forward with tough new laws to monitor and supervise sex offenders and increase mandatory minimum sentences for child sex offenders in our State,” said Governor O'Malley. “This comprehensive, tough and bipartisan legislation will help to ensure that every child in Maryland is protected.”

Governor O'Malley introduced legislation this session mandating **lifetime supervision** for violent and repeat sexual offenders, as well as legislation reconstituting and recharging the **Sexual Offender Advisory Board**, which will be chair by former Attorney General Joseph Curran. In addition, the Administration introduced legislation to make changes to Maryland's **sex offender registry system**, coming into compliance with the federal Adam Walsh Act including increases to certain mandatory minimum sentences under Jessica's Law.

“When we first took office four years ago, Governor O'Malley and I set ambitious goals to improve public safety and public education. During difficult economic times, we protected our investments and forged new partnerships that have reduced violent crime across the state and made our public schools the best in the country,” Lt. Governor Brown said. “Together with the General Assembly, we built on the progress that we have made over the last four years and passed important legislation to keep moving Maryland forward.”

Building on the success of the 2009 legislative action to remove guns from the hands of domestic abusers, Governor O'Malley signed a bill today providing victims of domestic abuse and sexual assault with additional protections. HB1382, introduced by Delegate Cheryl Glenn, allows a tenant who is a victim of domestic violence or sexual assault to terminate a residential lease or

request that their locks be changed with certain written notice, including a final protective or peace order. Lt. Governor Brown, the administration's point person for domestic violence policy, worked with legislators and stakeholders to pass the bill.

In addition to tough new sex offender regulations, Governor O'Malley signed additional legislation to improve public safety and assist law enforcement. The **State Correctional Officers' Bill of Rights** establishes a defined set of rights for the employment, investigation and discipline of state correctional officers in Maryland. In the last fiscal year we drove down serious assaults against correctional staff to 50% of where they were in fiscal year 2006. The **Safe Schools Act of 2010**, sponsored by Speaker Busch, improves communication between law enforcement and school officials and addresses gang-related activity in school.

"This is the most comprehensive package of legislation to protect children in the past twenty years," said Speaker Michael E. Busch. "Our children are our State's most precious resource and, as the father of two daughters, I commend the Governor and the legislature for taking a tough stance against sex offenders and criminal gangs."

"While our top priorities this session were to manage the state's finances responsibly and to create and protect jobs, we also took critical steps to protect Maryland's children and to keep neighborhoods across the State safe. Today we are signing some of the toughest laws in the nation against sexual predators," said Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr. "This session we also gave prosecutors additional tools in their effort to protect communities in every county from the scourge of gang violence."

In addition to public safety legislation, Governor O'Malley signed the Education Reform Act of 2010, which extends the probationary period of employment for public school teachers from two years to three and requires that student achievement data be used in educator evaluations. The Governor also signed into law an Administration-sponsored bill creating the Maryland Longitudinal Data System, a statewide system that contains individual-level student and workforce data allowing Maryland's schools to trend student progress and curriculum based on workforce trends in our State.

In addition, Governor O'Malley signed the **Higher Education Investment Fund**, legislation the Governor introduced following four straight years of zero increases in tuition for in-state students. The bill will create a dedicated account within the Higher Education Investment Fund called the Tuition Stabilization Trust Account to help stabilize costs of in-state students and avoid the types of peaks and valleys in tuition costs volatile economic times can create.

In April, the Governor signed emergency legislation to strategically cut taxes for small businesses in Maryland that hire unemployed Marylanders. Last month, Governor O'Malley signed legislation to eliminate waste, fraud, and abuse in public health plans and improve quality of care throughout Maryland.

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Statement from Governor Martin O'Malley on Action by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission to Protect Menhaden

ANNAPOLIS, MD (May 6, 2010) –Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley today issued the following Statement upon learning of yesterday's action by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) to review regulations and develop new strategies to protect menhaden:

“Menhaden is a vital species that provides food for striped bass and other fish and filters pollutants from the Chesapeake Bay. I applaud the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission unanimous action in recognizing the troubling signs of the population's decline and calling for the development of new management strategies to protect this important fish. Here in Maryland it is our hope that the next step will be a significant reduction in coast-wide harvest.

“I want to congratulate the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Staff, who led this coastal effort to protect menhaden and who continue to deliver exceptional results through innovative strategies to protect our aquatic resources. I also want to recognize the hard work of our recreational fishermen and environmental organization in working with us to achieve this breakthrough.

“Today we celebrate the highest blue crab population since 1997 and a bold new plan to restore our native oyster and develop an aquaculture industry in Maryland. Protection of menhaden will ultimately add to these successes and bring us closer to our ultimate goal: a restored Chesapeake Bay and healthy, self-sustaining populations of fish for today and tomorrow.”

Statement from Governor Martin O'Malley on Maryland's Number One Ranking for Implementing Clean Water Recovery Funding

ANNAPOLIS, MD (May 6, 2010) –The Congressional Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure has ranked Maryland 1st out of 50 States and the District of Columbia for implementing American Recovery and Reinvestment Act clean water infrastructure funding. The ranking is based on monthly State progress reports. Governor O'Malley issued this statement:

“Maryland has tremendous water infrastructure needs, even as we increase our efforts to clean up the Chesapeake Bay and local waterways. Together, we’ve put American Recovery and Reinvestment Act dollars to work quickly and efficiently to reduce pollution, protect drinking water, and create jobs across Maryland.

“Each one of these 82 projects, and each job they create, will have tangible benefits for the people of our State. These funds will implement Enhanced Nutrient Removal at the Patapsco wastewater plant in Baltimore City, a new drinking water system on Smith Island, new sewer mains in Prince George's County and emergency dam repairs in Allegany County.

“As we continue to strategically invest, delivering results for the people of Maryland, I want to thank President Obama and Maryland's Congressional delegation for working so hard to secure these critical Recovery and Reinvestment funds.”

Under President Barack Obama's *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act*, in June 2009 the Maryland Department of the Environment received \$121.6 million for Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund projects. MDE received an unprecedented \$3.7 billion in requests for this funding from across the State. Funds were allocated based on readiness to proceed, as well as maximum environmental and health benefits. [A list of each project's status can be found here.](#)

For the past two years, Maryland has been ranked #1-in-the-nation for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act monitoring and reporting by Good Jobs First, a non-profit research center based in Washington, DC. Maryland's [nationally recognized Recovery website](#) tracks every dollar received and spent in an interactive, GIS-driven map for visitors to browse.

Statement from Governor Martin O'Malley on President Obama's Major Disaster Declaration from February Storms

ANNAPOLIS, MD (May 6, 2010) –Governor Martin O'Malley issued this statement today following President Obama's major disaster declaration for the State of Maryland, triggering the release of federal funds to help communities recover from the Severe Winter Storms in February. A dollar amount does not immediately accompany this declaration, but rather it begins the process of totaling reimbursable expenses with local and state emergency response agencies over the course of the coming months.

"I want to thank President Obama and FEMA for this commitment of funding, as State and local emergency response agencies continue to recover from the unanticipated costs associated with this winter's storms. I'd also like to thank Maryland's Congressional Delegation for showing a real team effort and advocating at a time of crisis.

"For several days, thousands of men and women in Maryland stepped forward to help their fellow citizens get through this historic weather event. We look forward to working closely with FEMA officials as they assess the storms' damage to our communities, and the extraordinary efforts of our first responders to keep Marylanders safe."

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Governor O'Malley's MBE University Conference Comes to Baltimore

Governor addresses the state of minority business in Maryland



BALTIMORE, MD (May 7, 2010) –Today, Governor Martin O'Malley and Lt. Governor Anthony Brown hosted the MBE University Conference in Baltimore to support Maryland's minority and women-owned businesses and to highlight the State's MBE progress. This is the second in a series of conferences that will travel around the State to offer training, opportunities, and information on the tools necessary for minority or woman-owned businesses to expand, create jobs, and thrive even in difficult economic times. Today's conference in Baltimore focused on access to capital, attracting more than 300 interested attendees to the event. Baltimore County Executive James Smith and Baltimore City Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake also attended the event.

“As we seek to turn the corner from recession to prosperity, our mission is simple: to create jobs, to save jobs, to improve the conditions that empower businesses to create and save jobs,” said Governor O'Malley. “In your state government we have the most ambitious goals for Minority Business Enterprise in the United States of America. MBE University is designed to help us exceed them, together.”

Governor O'Malley launched MBE University in December 2009 in Prince George's County, where more than business owners gathered to discuss ways to expand opportunity to small, minority and women owned businesses throughout Maryland.

“By investing in Maryland's small and minority-owned businesses, we are not only supporting our working families and expanding job opportunities, but we are building a stronger future with a diverse economy,” said Lt. Governor Brown. “Governor O'Malley and I are dedicated to strengthening our workforce and providing Marylanders with the vital information and resources they need to successfully open new doors in their communities and continue to thrive for years to come.”



Participants had the opportunity to attend workshops that provided information on contracting with the State as an MBE, response procedures for bid solicitations, MBE certification process, commercial insurance and public/private partnerships. The conference also offered a Financial Pavilion -Speed Dating segment that provided entrepreneurs with an opportunity to meet one-on-one with representatives from approximately 15 financial lenders/organizations. MBE University's private sector sponsors and partners included Wachovia Bank, Verizon, National Association of Women Business Owners-Baltimore Regional Chapter (NAWBO), and the Maryland Chamber of Commerce. Verizon also hosted a workshop on how to do business with its organization, and NAWBO hosted a workshop on women and entrepreneurship.

“Under the leadership of Governor O'Malley and Lt. Governor Brown, Maryland continues to make substantial progress in its capacity building initiatives for MBEs,” said Governor's Office of Minority Affairs Special Secretary Luwanda Jenkins. “MBE University is a more focused outreach effort designed to connect MBE firms with vital opportunities and resources.”

Maryland is home to one of the nation's leading MBE programs, and it has established the highest minority and women-owned business contracting goals in the nation at 25 percent. In addition, Maryland is one of only 15 states in the nation with MBE goals and one of only a few states with an MBE law in statute. Maryland remains the only state in the nation to collect uniform reporting data including actual payments to MBEs.

In Fiscal Year 2009, Maryland state agencies achieved 22 percent MBE participation, up from 20 percent in the previous year. These include over \$1.6 billion in awards to MBE firms, an increase of 26 percent in one year, and \$1 billion in payment to MBE firms.

"MBE University" was created in collaboration with the State's minority business coordinating agencies and the Governor's Office. Coordinating agencies include the Department of Business and Economic Development, the Governor's Office of Minority Affairs, the Department of General Services, the Department of Housing & Community Development, and the Governor's Grants Office. The 2010 conference schedule includes Southern Maryland on May 21st, Eastern Shore on June 16th, Western Maryland on July 7th, and Capital Region (Montgomery County) in fall 2010.

For more information on the MBE University Initiative, contact the Governor's Office at 410-767-8232 or visit www.mdminoritybusiness.com.

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Governor Martin O'Malley Announces Violent Crime Rate at Its Lowest Level Since 1975

Official 2009 statewide crime data show dramatic overall crime reductions

Law enforcement, local leaders credit innovative federal-state-local partnerships



LARGO, MD (May 10, 2010) –Joined by law enforcement officials, including U.S. Attorney Rod Rosenstein, Prince George's County State's Attorney Glenn Ivey and members of the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 89, Governor Martin O'Malley today announced historic reductions in crime in Maryland for 2009. According to 2009 year-end crime data compiled by the Maryland State Police and submitted to the FBI for use in the national crime statistics report, Maryland's violent crime rate is at its lowest level in Maryland since modern crime-tracking began in 1975. Similarly, total crime declined to its lowest level since 1975, as have homicides, dropping 12 percent since 2008 with 57 fewer people murdered last year in Maryland than the year before.

"Protecting the public's safety is the greatest obligation of government at every level," said Governor O'Malley. "It is not by chance, but by choice that even in tough economic times, we've delivered results for the people of Maryland, driving down crime throughout our One Maryland to its lowest levels in recorded history. Working together, we're aligning our efforts between state, local, county, and federal law enforcement and government at levels never before seen in our State.

These statewide figures are also reflected in Prince George's County, where Governor O'Malley made today's announcement. Overall crime is at its lowest level in the County since 1975, with violent crime in the County is at its lowest level since 1984 and automobile thefts dropping to the lowest level since 1985.

"I want to thank Governor O'Malley for his commitment to public safety that has led to record crime reduction across our state in 2009," Johnson said. "During difficult times, many questioned our methods in reducing crime, but today I am proud that we stayed the course and reached record crime reduction in Prince George's County in 2008 and 2009."

Statewide, data for 2009 show reductions compared to 2008 not only in homicides but also in motor vehicle theft (-23.0%), robbery (-9.0%), aggravated assault (-3.0%), breaking and entering (-5.0%), and larceny-theft (-6.0%).



Twenty jurisdictions reported reductions in total crime, with nine reporting double-digit reductions between 2008 and 2009. Fifteen jurisdictions noted specific reductions in violent crime (murder, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault), with seven reporting double-digit decreases. Twenty-two jurisdictions noted specific reductions in property crime (breaking and entering, larceny/theft, and motor vehicle theft), with eight jurisdictions reporting reductions of 10 percent or more.

"For the last three years, Governor O'Malley has directed State public safety agencies to engage in the local fight against crime like never before," said Kristen Mahoney, Director of the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention. "By focusing on

improving violent probationer compliance, reducing illegal gun trafficking, increasing warrant service, and applying the most effective law enforcement technology and information sharing strategies to our collective fight against violent crime, I am proud to stand with the Governor and our partners on the federal, state and local levels to realize a safer Maryland.

Governor O'Malley tasked the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention with forming both local partnerships, and working partnerships across borders of neighboring states and the District of Columbia to crack down on violent criminals. At today's announcement, Governor O'Malley highlighted some of the programs implemented in the last three years that have contributed to these dramatic reductions, including:

- **Public Safety Dashboard:** A database of life-saving information shared with 16,000 law enforcement officers and government servants in more than 100 agencies. This innovative approach to information sharing currently registers between 25,000 and 40,000 hits per day.
- **License Plate Recognition Software:** Through the application of advanced license plate reader technologies, funded largely through the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention, local and State law enforcement is delivering real results to crack down on auto theft. Motor vehicle theft dropped 23 percent statewide last year compared to 2008.
- **Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force:** Through innovative cross border collaboration, this task force comprised of law enforcement agencies from Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia, has issued 1,000 warrants to help make neighborhoods safer in the DC Metro area.
- **Violence Prevention Initiative:** This innovative approach to managing and supervising the most violent offenders has driven violent crime down in Maryland to its lowest levels since 1975. Crime data show these individuals have the greatest propensity for committing future acts of violence.
- **Anti-gang initiatives:** Resulting from reforms championed by the O'Malley-Brown Administration, Maryland agencies now share gang intelligence information among over 100 partner agencies within Maryland and with regional partners.
- **DNA:** After inheriting a backlog of 24,000 unanalyzed and 15,000 uncollected DNA samples, Governor O'Malley allocated the necessary resources to eliminate that backlog leading to case closures and arrests of violent fugitives. In 2009 alone, 103 murderers, rapists, and other criminals who might otherwise be walking the streets, were arrested thanks to DNA technology.
- **Unprecedented interagency cooperation:** As a result of efficiency reforms implemented by the O'Malley-Brown Administration, the Department of Parole and Probation, and Department of Corrections, the Department of Juvenile Services, and local law enforcement cooperate and communicate at unprecedented levels, ensuring low recidivism and high rates of supervision for the most violent offenders.

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Statement from Governor Martin O'Malley on the New Federal Strategy for the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Under President Obama's Executive Order

ANNAPOLIS, MD (May 12, 2010) –Governor Martin O’Malley issued this statement today following the Environmental Protection Agency’s newly released strategy to improve the health of the Chesapeake Bay under President Obama’s Executive Order:

“We are very encouraged by President Obama’s Executive Order and the new federal strategy to improve the health of the Bay. The new strategy calls for an unprecedented level of federal cooperation and leadership for the Chesapeake Bay, and significantly raises expectations for success. In Maryland we are committed to accelerating the Bay restoration effort, and BayStat has given us a clear sense of the actions necessary to meet our objectives and the cost of meeting those objectives. Because of the tough choices we’ve already made as a State and as a region, many effective programs already exist and are accelerating progress, targeting our resources geographically to achieve the best results.

“Maryland’s recent actions on stormwater, taking steps to better manage poultry litter and power plant rules, put our State in a positive position to meet the objectives. The Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund provides funding for our restoration efforts. And these efforts are already yielding results. Our action on blue crabs has resulted in increased populations for two years in a row. Maryland’s Oyster Restoration and Aquaculture Development plan will help us rebuild an abundant, self-sustaining native oyster population. And Program Open Space is targeting our most ecologically important lands for preservation, while other programs are funding upgrades to wastewater treatment plants and installation of best management practices on farm land.

“The next critical task is to integrate programming with federal, state, local and grassroots organizations, targeting resources and personnel to the same geographic areas wherever possible. Collectively, we can avoid creating new federal programs by enhancing existing state, local and grassroots actions that are well-suited to meet the goals of this ambitious strategy.

“The path ahead will not be easy, cheap or without controversy. However, with widespread public support for bold action to restore the Chesapeake, we can leave our national treasure to the next generation in better shape than when we inherited her.”

Senator Barbara Mikulski, Governor Martin O'Malley Urge Congressional Action on Cell Phone Jamming Legislation Following Results of Prison Test

ANNAPOLIS, MD (May 12, 2010) –U.S. Senator Barbara Mikulski and Governor Martin O'Malley today announced the release of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) report from the February test of cell phone jamming technology at a Western Maryland prison. The test, performed by the NTIA at the request of Governor O'Malley and Senator Mikulski, showed no interference of the jamming technology with federal operations of the prison within the testing area. Senator Mikulski and Governor O'Malley urged Congressional action immediately, in light of these results, on legislation allowing the installation of this technology at U.S. prisons.

“NTIA’s report is proof positive that we can jam criminals and protect communities,” said Senator Mikulski. “I and all Marylanders were shocked and dismayed to hear about this outrageous organized crime practice of using cell phones in prison to conduct criminal activities in communities on the outside while criminals enjoy a lavish lifestyle on the inside. We must move forward to allow cell jamming technology to be used, giving prison officials another tool to protect citizens. The Senate has passed the Hutchison-Mikulski Safe Prisons Communications Act of 2009, and I now call on the House to expedite action on it. The bill provides another means to stop the use of illegal cell phones by allowing prison on a case-by-case basis to use cell jammers. It will help make our neighborhoods safe and give prisons another necessary tool they need.”

“Law enforcement needs every tool available to fight the violent crimes that are being orchestrated by criminals using illegal cell phones behind bars,” said Governor O’Malley. “The results of this first-ever test show that this technology did not impact the areas surrounding prisons, and should indicate to Congress the need for federal legislation to allow for the installation of this technology at prisons across the country. We must give law enforcement quick access to every technological tool available -- including cell phone jamming -- to combat illegal cell phone use on the inside and protect our neighbors and families on the outside.”

In 2009, Senator Mikulski and Governor O'Malley formally requested approval for a test from the NTIA. In February of this year, the NTIA performed that test at the Federal Correctional Institution in Cumberland, MD.

Corrections departments across the country are reporting a sharp increase in the number of cell phones smuggled into prison facilities. In Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009, Maryland corrections officers confiscated more than 2,890 illegal cell phones, and more than 765 have been confiscated in FY2010 thus far. Prisoners are using these phones to orchestrate and commit crimes.

On October 5, 2009, the U.S. Senate passed the *Safe Prisons Communications Act of 2009 (S.251)*, which allows states to petition the FCC for the authority to block the use of cell phones from prison. Senator Mikulski is an original co-sponsor of the bill. Under current law, the FCC does not allow cell phone jamming of any kind. The bill awaits action by the House of Representatives. Governor O'Malley introduced policy that was adopted by the National Governor's Association in 2009 (16.2.5.1 Curbing Wireless Technology Use in Prisons) that expresses Governors' collective commitment to curtailing this illegal practice.

The NTIA is [seeking public comment](#) on the technical approaches to preventing contraband cell phone use in prisons.

[The NTIA report detailing the findings from the Cumberland test is available here.](#)

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Governor Martin O'Malley Announces More than 13,800 Maryland Jobs Created or Saved Last Quarter from American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

ANNAPOLIS, MD (May 12, 2010) –Governor Martin O'Malley announced today that the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act created or saved 13,821 jobs in Maryland during the third quarter of federal reporting. This total includes direct, indirect, and induced jobs resulting from the Recovery Act, which President Obama signed just 28 days into his Presidency.

“Thanks to President Obama’s leadership, and our ability as a State to implement these funds as quickly and efficiently as possible, last quarter more than 13,800 Marylanders, who would otherwise be facing unemployment, went to work instead,” said Governor O'Malley. “As we continue to invest Recovery Act funds, putting Marylanders back to work, these investments will stimulate economic growth, creating and saving more jobs and generating more revenue for small businesses throughout our State.”

Today’s jobs announcement encompasses what are termed direct, indirect and induced jobs. Direct jobs are those supported by Recovery Act dollars, such as the construction worker on a highway project funded through the Act. Indirect jobs are those that support Recovery Act activities, such as an employee at an asphalt company that supplies the highway project. Induced jobs are created by increased consumer activity, such as the construction worker purchasing a car, or going to a restaurant, resulting in those companies increasing employment due to sustained or increased business.

[For a complete breakdown of direct, indirect, and induced jobs created or saved in the third quarter, please visit Maryland’s Recovery website.](#)

As of March 31, 2010, Maryland has expended \$612,651,363 of the \$2.19 billion awarded thus far in what is known as “Section 1512” Recovery Act funding. In addition to 1512 funding, Maryland received \$196 million in federal Medicaid matching funds and \$39 million in Family Safety Net programs, such as increases in TANF, adoption, child support, and food stamp assistance.

For the second straight year, Maryland received the top ranking in the nation for the innovative use of online tracking tools that allow the people of Maryland to monitor and track every dollar spent from the Recovery Act in Maryland communities. And this year, Maryland also received top honors for implementation of clean water infrastructure funding from the Recovery Act, which has allowed for vital improvements to wastewater treatment plants and drinking water systems throughout the State.

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Governor Martin O'Malley Kicks Off Largest American Recovery and Reinvestment Transportation Project in Maryland

200 jobs supported by the replacement of the I-695 bridge over Liberty Road



ANNAPOLIS, MD (May 14, 2010) –Governor Martin O’Malley today kicked off the largest American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) transportation project in Maryland that will support 200 jobs while providing an important transportation upgrade in Baltimore County. The \$25 million ARRA project at the interchange of I-695 and MD 26 (Liberty Road) will replace a 50-year-old bridge, one of four bridge replacement priorities identified for Maryland and addressed by the O’Malley-Brown Administration.

“President Obama’s American Recovery and Reinvestment Act has been critical in keeping more Marylanders working and in putting key transportation projects, like Liberty Road, back on track,” said Governor O’Malley. “Thanks to the hard work of Maryland’s Congressional Delegation and all of our federal and local partners, we are working together to revitalize our economy, to keep people employed and to build one of the best transportation networks in the nation.”

From January to March 2010, the Recovery Act **created or saved 13,821 jobs** statewide in key job sectors including health, education, housing and transportation. The Recovery Act continues to build a legacy of moving Maryland forward with projects that reflect a balanced approach to transportation.



“The Liberty Road reconstruction project is a prime example of the recovery package working for us,” said U.S. Senator Benjamin L. Cardin. “It provides the funds that are needed to rehabilitate a major bridge that is used by thousands of Baltimore County residents a day and it will provide jobs for Marylanders. One of the main goals of the recovery package is to upgrade our aging infrastructure, an important step for future growth and development in our community.”

“Jobs provide the gasoline that runs our nation's economy. At the same time, we need roads and bridges that get us where we need to go safely and efficiently. The federal funds from the Recovery Act are helping us achieve both of these goals through projects like the replacement of the I-695 Bridge over Liberty Road. We are keeping jobs here in Maryland while making much-needed improvements to our infrastructure,” said Congressman C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger, a Member of the House Appropriations Committee.

Maryland benefits from 348 transportation contracts totaling \$743 million in Recovery Act project investments. These projects are located in every corner of our transportation network, from the Port of Baltimore and Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport to transit in the Baltimore and Washington regions and along the roads stretching from Western Maryland to the Eastern Shore.

Governor O'Malley was joined today by Senator Cardin; Federal Highway Administrator Victor M. Mendez; Maryland Transportation Secretary Beverley K. Swaim-Staley and State Highway Administrator Neil J. Pedersen.

“By all accounts, this project would not be possible without Recovery Act funding,” said Federal Highway Administrator Mendez. “By creating jobs and improving a key piece of the state’s infrastructure along one of the region’s fastest-growing routes, replacing this bridge will help the state’s economy and provide safer travel for the people of Maryland.”

When this bridge was built in 1961, it carried only 31,000 vehicles a day. Today, this 50-year-old bridge carries more than 210,000 vehicles a day with another 50,000 vehicles expected in the next 20 years. While still safe, this bridge needs to be replaced with a modern bridge that can carry today’s traffic loads.

“Not only is this important infrastructure upgrade going to benefit the traveling public in the entire Baltimore metropolitan region,” stated Baltimore County Executive Jim Smith. “It will further advance the Renaissance of our older communities while creating jobs that continue to propel our economy forward. I thank all of our state and federal officials for their continuing commitment to Baltimore County.”

This \$25 million project to replace the Baltimore Beltway bridge over Liberty Road is one of four top priority bridges the State Highway Administration has identified for replacement. The other bridges are the \$44 million Charles Street Bridge that is underway in Towson and two bridges along I-70 in Frederick, a \$45 million project that will begin later this year. The Charles Street Bridge over the Baltimore Beltway began in October 2009 and is expected to be completed in summer 2012. Two I-70 bridges in Frederick over East South Street and Reich’s Ford Road were announced in December 2009, with construction expected to begin in late 2010.

The State Highway Administration and its contractor, Concrete General, Inc., of Gaithersburg, have completed preliminary site work and have begun median work on I-695. On or about June 15, crews will relocate the ramp from MD 26 East to I-695 North. Phases Two, Three and Four - the bridge removal and replacement - will begin in late June. Phase Five, roadway repair and resurfacing, will begin in mid-summer 2012. The entire project is expected to be complete by fall 2012.

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Governor Martin O'Malley Releases Annual Bay Health Report Card, Launches StreamHealth Website

Bay receives highest mark since 2002; New website provides stewardship tools for citizens



MIDDLE RIVER, MD (May 18, 2010) –Governor Martin O'Malley today announced the Chesapeake Bay showed broad water quality improvements in 2009, receiving its highest mark since 2002 from the annual Chesapeake Bay Health Report Card. Joined by citizens, stakeholders and scientists alongside the Gunpowder River in Baltimore County, Governor O'Malley also launched *StreamHealth*, a new website to help Marylanders learn about the health of their streams and take action to improve them.

The report card — an annual analysis conducted through the EcoCheck partnership between University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science and NOAA Chesapeake Bay Office — is based on data collected by state and federal agencies through the Chesapeake Bay Program. The 2009 report noted improved conditions in eight Bay regions and degraded conditions in two, earning the Bay a grade of “C” for overall health.

“This report provides us with an independent look at how we in Maryland are living up to our commitment to restore the Bay,” said Governor O'Malley. “When integrated with our BayStat initiative, snapshots like this one help us hold ourselves accountable for meeting key milestones that will lead us to a healthier Bay. This is the Bay’s highest grade since 2002 and an improvement over 2008’s ‘C-minus.’ Through our continued acceleration of efforts on the ground that we will deliver the results we need to turn the Bay and its rivers around.”

Grades for 14 reporting Bay regions varied, ranging from “B-minus” (moderate-good) to “F” (very poor). The highest ranked region, for the third year in a row, was the Upper Western Shore, which includes the Bush and Gunpowder Rivers. The lowest ranked region was the Patapsco and Back Rivers.

Scientists attribute the overall improvements to last year’s unique regional rainfall patterns, continued efforts to reduce nutrient pollution within the Chesapeake Bay watershed and the gradual rebound in Bay health since the historically poor conditions observed in 2003. Over the report's 24-year history, overall Bay health was rated at its highest in 1993 with a score of 57, and its lowest in 2003 with a score of 35. The 2009 rating of 46 falls in the top 25 percentile.

“Despite the record high rainfall in parts of Maryland and Virginia, the mainstem of the Chesapeake Bay improved last year,” said UMCES researcher and project leader Dr. William Dennison. “Normally, more precipitation means poorer Bay health. But last year, the Bay benefited from below average rainfall throughout Pennsylvania which appears to have reduced the amount of pollutants reaching the open waters of the mainstem Bay.”

To help citizens better understand their critical connection to Bay health and encourage them to take action, Governor O'Malley today launched *StreamHealth*, a powerful new web-based tool that provides resources for citizens, grassroots organizations, schools and scout groups to survey their streams, and receive technical guidance and funding opportunities to restore and protect them.

Developed by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, in cooperation with the Maryland Environmental Service, Towson University, and the Maryland Departments of the Environment and Information Technology, the site’s interactive map provides information on individual stream health as well as the presence or absence of forested streamside buffers and impervious surfaces

— two of the major factors influencing stream health.

“The health of the Bay is ultimately determined by what we do on the land -- in our cities and towns, on our farms and forests, in our schools and backyards,” said Governor O’Malley. “Through this website we are providing information that is real to people because they can see the status of the streams in their neighborhoods — our lifelines to the Bay.”

“We must view our streams as ecological and aesthetic assets -- not just places where trash collects and flooding occurs,” said Natural Resources Secretary John Griffin.

Governor O’Malley also encouraged citizens to join the Stream Waders program, the volunteer arm of the Maryland Biological Stream Survey, an internationally acclaimed assessment program that provides data for the StreamHealth website as well as the Chesapeake Bay Health Report Card.

“Over the past 10 years, nearly 1,800 Stream Wader volunteers have sampled aquatic insect populations at about 6,000 stream sites, excellent indicators of stream health,” said Governor O’Malley. “Like our citizen tree-planting and oyster growing efforts, Stream Waders offers citizens an opportunity to take personal responsibility for the stewardship of our fragile, finite resources.”

Today’s announcements come less than a week after the Environmental Protection Agency released its new strategy for Chesapeake Bay Restoration. Under the leadership of Governor O’Malley, Maryland is well poised to meet the new strategy, with many effective efforts already delivering results. These include: recent actions on stormwater, steps to better manage poultry litter and power plant rules, action on blue crabs and oysters, continued full funding of Program Open Space, upgrades to wastewater treatment plants, installation of best management practices on farm land and targeting and tracking through BayStat. In another significant victory for Marylanders and the Bay, the 2010 General Assembly approved *Governor O’Malley’s request for \$20 million for the Chesapeake & Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund, an essential component in achieving the State’s 2-Year Milestones.*

More information about the [2009 Chesapeake Bay Health Report Card is available here](#), including region-specific data and downloadable graphics.

Christopher Conner at cconner@umces.edu (443) 496-0095. UMCES is currently working with local watershed organizations to develop river-specific report cards to give residents a creek-by-creek look at their local waters.

For more information about *StreamHealth*, visit www.streamhealth.maryland.gov.

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Governor Martin O'Malley Declares East Baltimore County Maryland's 'Capital for a Day'

PARKVILLE, MD (May 18, 2010) –Today, Governor Martin O'Malley, joined by Baltimore County Executive James Smith, Senator Kathy Klausmeier, other local officials and area residents to declare East Baltimore County Maryland's "Capital for a Day." The monthly program brings the State Capital to every corner of Maryland through a series of events across a diverse selection of Maryland cities, towns and communities.



"To rebuild and restore our economy, we must help our businesses create and save jobs, and improve the conditions under which business can create or save jobs. That's why strengthening our local partnerships is absolutely critical to the progress of areas like East Baltimore County," said Governor O'Malley, making his "Capital for a Day" declaration during a Cabinet Meeting held at Parkville's Oak Crest Community. "I want to thank the people of Baltimore County for their hospitality today. It's more important than ever for Maryland's families to see that their state government is working for them each and every day and its equally important for us to meet and hear from people firsthand about the challenges and opportunities we face as a state."

"Governor O'Malley and I share a belief with County Executive Smith that our progress is only possible because of our partnerships," Lt. Governor Brown said. "Together, we have done a great deal to move Maryland and Baltimore County forward during difficult times. Still, it is not enough that we survive the economic downturn. We must continue our work and strengthen our partnerships so that Maryland and Baltimore County can thrive for years to come."

Even in difficult economic times, development and progress continues in many parts of East Baltimore County, built on the foundation of a strong partnership with the State. Governor O'Malley's FY2010 budget includes \$617.5 million in K-12 education for Baltimore County, and \$25 million in school construction investments. The O'Malley-Brown Administration has invested more than \$146 million in school construction in Baltimore County, representing a 75 percent increase from the four years prior. FY11 capital projects in East Baltimore County include a \$4.7 million renovation of Dundalk and Sollers Point High School, \$500,000 for the new Sollers Point Library, and countywide Program Open Space grants totaling more than \$1.6 million.

"I am very pleased that Baltimore County was selected to serve as the host for Governor O'Malley's *Capital for a Day* program," said Baltimore County Executive Jim Smith. "People expect State and County government to work together on issues that are important to them. From public safety to education to the management of a very challenging economy, regional cooperation is a critical component of our ability to continue the progress we've made."

Governor O'Malley began the day touring Middle River Aircraft Systems, a local company at the forefront of scientific design and manufacturing. MRAS, which manufactures and services complex aerostructures and nacelle systems for commercial and military aircraft, celebrated its 80th anniversary in the Baltimore area last year. They currently employ more than 800 people at their Middle River location. The Governor joined Sagar Patel, President of GE Mechanical Systems, for a tour of the facility.

Recently, Governor O'Malley signed into law the Jobs Creation and Recovery Tax Credit, which offers any Maryland business a \$5,000 tax credit for every unemployed Marylander that it hires. In the few weeks since its enactment, already 40 Maryland companies have applied, hiring 65 people off of unemployment.



Following the business tour, Governor O'Malley joined environmental advocates and others at Gunpowder State Park. There, the Governor announced the result of the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science Bay Health Report Card gives the Chesapeake Bay a "C" for 2009, representing the best overall annual score since 2002, with conditions improving in eight of ten Bay regions. Recently, Governor O'Malley announced that another important indicator of improving Bay health: the Chesapeake Bay blue crab population has reached its highest level since 1997. The O'Malley-Brown Administration's aggressive Bay restoration strategy has resulted in significant progress in the health of the Chesapeake Bay. The Governor used the announcement to launch StreamHealth, a new Smart, Green & Growing web tool that enables citizens to view the health of local streams and the amounts of impervious surface and buffers in their watersheds.

The Governor then visited Oak Crest Village, a retirement community in Parkville celebrating its 15th anniversary and home to more than 2,100 residents. Oak Crest is a top-20 employer in Baltimore County, and served as the backdrop for Governor O'Malley's official Cabinet Meeting, where the Governor, Lt. Governor, and members of the Executive Cabinet heard from local officials about challenges and opportunities for partnership in East Baltimore County. County Executive James Smith, County Councilman Joe Bartenfelder, and Senator Kathy Klausmeier represented local residents at the meeting.

"Capital for a Day," a program launched by Governor O'Malley in 2007, brings the State Capital to every corner of Maryland through a series of monthly events across a diverse selection of Maryland cities, towns and communities. Previous "Capitals" have included Cecil County, Calvert County, Westminster, Hagerstown, Chestertown, Leonardtown, the Port Towns of Prince George's County, Cumberland, Pocomoke City, Gaithersburg, Laurel, Rockville, Bel Air, La Plata and Ellicott City.

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Governor Martin O'Malley Signs Legislation Helping Marylanders Keep their Homes

Governor, Presiding Officers sign foreclosure mediation legislation

Governor meets with faith leaders, recognizing their role in foreclosure prevention outreach

New legislation creates Sustainable Communities Tax Credit, expanding job-creation tool in Maryland



ANNAPOLIS, MD (May 20, 2010) –Governor Martin O'Malley joined Lt. Governor Anthony Brown, Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller Jr., and House Speaker Michael E. Busch in signing a tough new law bringing mortgage giants to the table when beginning a foreclosure proceeding in Maryland. This morning, Governor O'Malley met over breakfast with more than 200 faith leaders, acknowledging their efforts in foreclosure prevention outreach and their role moving forward under this new legislation.

“With my signature today, we are empowering our fellow Marylanders, putting them on a more equal footing with mortgage companies that too often can’t be bothered to pick up the phone before beginning a foreclosure proceeding against a Maryland family,” Governor O’Malley said. “It gives borrowers the information they need at an early stage, and gives every Maryland family the right to have access to their lenders when they feel they are unfairly denied a loan modification or other mitigation option. This legislation will help keep more Marylanders in the homes they worked hard to purchase.”

Governor O’Malley introduced legislation this session giving every Maryland family facing foreclosure the **legal right to mediation** with the lender seeking the foreclosure. Building on the O’Malley-Brown Administration’s bold reforms of the foreclosure process and timelines in 2007, the Administration remains committed to ensuring that those homeowners who are eligible for loan modifications are able to obtain them, and that others can pursue alternatives to avoid foreclosure or lessen its harmful impact.

“Four years ago, Governor O’Malley and I set a goal to strengthen and grow the ranks of our middle class. That goal is more important today than ever before. We are committed to moving our state forward and protecting the American Dream for the hard working families who are struggling with a national recession and fighting mortgage companies who are kicking them out of their homes without any notice,” Lt. Governor Brown said. “Together, we have built strong communities and we have chosen to invest in our potential. During these difficult economic times, we must work harder to protect those investments and preserve the strength of our communities.”

Borrowers who may be eligible for loan modifications to save their homes but find themselves facing foreclosure anyway should be afforded the opportunity to talk directly with their lenders to find a resolution before their homes are sold. This bill gives Maryland families the right to a foreclosure mediation process upon filing of foreclosure proceedings. It requires lenders/servicers to use the 45 day period prior to the filing of the foreclosure action more productively to achieve loan

modifications where possible by requiring the Notice to include a loss mitigation application and other information helpful to the homeowner to prevent the loss of their home.

“The Legislature worked with Governor O’Malley to pass landmark legislation to protect consumers and crack down on fraud this term. This year, we improved consumer protection in the law by giving homeowners the right to mediation,” said Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr. “Working together, we provided a critical lifeline to thousands of Maryland homeowners who are working hard to keep their heads above water as our nation emerges from the deepest recession in generations.”

“Stimulating private sector investment in the State’s economy is the cornerstone to Maryland being the first state out of this global recession,” said Speaker Michael E. Busch. “Tax credits and incentives, like the Sustainable Communities Tax Credit, are the kind of government programs that can give businesses across the State the tools to hire new employees, look for new opportunities and reinvest in Maryland.”

While mediation is the latest tool to aid families facing foreclosure, homeowners are still encouraged to seek help from other State resources. Because the opportunity to participate in mediation occurs at a late stage in the foreclosure process and does not guarantee the avoidance of foreclosure, homeowners should not wait until they can request mediation before starting efforts to save their home. Homeowners should contact their lender and a housing counselor at the earliest sign of financial difficulty. A list of HOPE housing counseling agencies can be obtained by calling the MDHOPE hotline at 877-462-7555 or by visiting www.mdhope.org.

To date, the **HOPE Network has counseled more than 39,000 people**, with approximately 12,000 of those as positive outcomes. In addition, 1,025 attorneys have been recruited to serve the Foreclosure Prevention Project.

In addition to foreclosure mediation legislation, Governor O’Malley signed legislation creating the **Sustainable Communities Tax Credit**, a renewal of the credit previously known as the Heritage Tax Credit through 2014 and expanding its qualifying properties beyond strictly historical structures to include projects constructed with sustainable building practices. In its 12 years of existence, the Heritage Tax Credit has fueled more than 15,000 Maryland jobs, while generating an estimated \$1.74 billion into our economy. Estimates are that for every dollar of tax credit that is used, \$8.53 in economic output is generated. Ten million dollars is available for this tax credit for FY2011, with ten percent of those funds dedicated to historical structures.

Governor O’Malley also signed into law a number of bills promoting clean energy in Maryland, including a **tax credit for Marylanders purchasing new electric vehicles**, like the Chevy Volt. Electric vehicles will provide far-reaching economic, environmental, national security and health benefits to our citizens. Governor O’Malley also signed into law legislation allowing plug-in vehicles the authority to travel in high-occupancy vehicle lanes where available. These incentives are intended not only to generate the purchase of cleaner, more efficient vehicles in Maryland, but also to enhance the green jobs infrastructure in Maryland, supporting the Governor’s goal of creating 100,000 new green jobs.

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Legislation Signed 5/20

- [Building a Green Economy](#)
- [Protecting Maryland's Disabled](#)
- [Honoring our Veterans](#)
- [Full List of Bills signed](#)

CyberMaryland Tapped for National Economic Development Award

Recognizes excellence in policy research



ANNAPOLIS, MD (May 20, 2010) –Governor Martin O’Malley today announced that *CyberMaryland*, a public/private economic development initiative to position Maryland as the nation’s epicenter for cyber security, is being recognized with the *2010 Excellence in Community & Economic Development Research Award* from the Council for Community and Economic Research (C2ER), a national organization that promotes excellence in research. The award is being presented today to officials from the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development (DBED) at the C2ER 50th Annual Conference at the Omni Shoreham in Washington, D.C.

“I want to congratulate the many Maryland companies, federal facilities, military commands, academia, and state and federal officials who worked together to develop Maryland’s aggressive plan for supporting and growing the cyber security industry and who are being recognized on a national level,” said Governor O’Malley, who serves as co-Lead on Homeland Security for the National Governors’ Association Public Safety Task Force and sits on the U.S. Homeland Security Advisory Council. “Maryland has the knowledge, know-how, and can-do spirit to lead the way in cyber security. Our world-class facilities, federal agencies and military commands that are engaged in cyber security work, combined with our vibrant and growing private sector and talented universities, uniquely position Maryland to lead the way to protect and defend the nation’s digital infrastructure.”

Developed with guidance from more than 50 public and private sector information technology and security experts, *CyberMaryland* highlights the State’s key role in supporting President Barack Obama’s national cyber initiative and is the first comprehensive inventory of any State’s cyber security assets. In 2009, Maryland led the nation in the creation of computer systems design jobs, growing by more than 8 percent. *CyberMaryland* focuses on four key areas:

- Establishing a National Center of Excellence for Cybersecurity in Maryland;
- Branding Maryland as a hub of cyber intelligence, which enables the State to attract both national and global information technology companies;
- Focusing Maryland’s academic efforts on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) to meet the ever increasing workforce needs of the cyber and IT industry; and
- Aligning the State’s cyber security best practices with those of the federal government to ensure a cohesive and consistent vision.

“When I was appointed Maryland’s economic chief 15 months ago, I pledged to Governor O’Malley and state business leaders that my agency would focus on our core competitive strengths by clearly identifying, analyzing, benchmarking and concisely documenting Maryland’s progress and opportunities in dynamic, knowledge driven industries that are critical to the State’s economic future,” said Christian S. Johansson, DBED Secretary, adding, “C2ER’s recognition of *CyberMaryland* reinforces our commitment to strategically target business and job growth in key and expanding areas.”

The C2ER awards program recognizes the contribution of research activities to the success of local, regional or state/provincial economic development initiatives and is designed to increase the quality of economic development research by identifying meritorious projects and promoting the diffusion of creative ideas for research activities.

CyberMaryland was selected as the 2010 recipient in Policy Analysis after judges reviewed dozens of award nominations in five categories and based on criteria including: contribution to applied research field; innovation in approach or implementation;

unique approach to using researchers as part of the economic development team; economic benefits resulting from the project; quality of product or process; and replicability.

DBED's Director of Research Nancy McCrea and Technology Policy Advisor Ben Wu will present their findings along with Sarah Djamshidi, Chesapeake Innovation Center Executive Director, at a C2ER conference workshop, "Industry Transformations: Trends in the CyberSecurity Industry."

Released in mid-January, *CyberMaryland* has been downloaded more than 4,000 times. A companion news blog, CyberMaryland, was launched in March to report information, announcements and project status,

<http://cybermaryland.wordpress.com>. For information or a copy of CyberMaryland, visit www.choosemaryland.org.

Created in 1961, C2ER is a membership organization dedicated to promoting excellence in economic research by improving data availability, enhancing data quality and fostering learning about regional economic analytic methods. The organization's annual awards program, now in its 11th year, recognizes accomplishments in community and economic research. C2ER is known for producing the ACCRA Cost of Living Index, respected by the U.S. Census Bureau, US Bureau of Labor Statistics, CNN Money and the President's Council of Economic Advisors as the most reliable source of city-to-city comparisons of key consumer costs.

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Governor Martin O'Malley Announces Various Appointments to State Boards and Commissions

Governor designates Louis Jay Ulman as Chair of the Maryland Racing Commission

ANNAPOLIS, MD (May 21, 2010) –Governor Martin O'Malley today announced appointments to various State Boards and Commissions including: the Maryland Health and Higher Education Facilities Authority, the Maryland State Board of Contract Appeals, the Maryland Racing Commission, Maryland State Council on Educational Opportunities for Military Children, the Board of Airport Zoning Appeals, and the Maryland Workforce Corporation Board.

"I am proud to announce the appointments to various Boards and Commissions across the State. Each appointee brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise that will serve as an asset to the Boards they will serve on," said Governor O'Malley. "We have worked hard to compile a list of individuals from across our State with diverse educational, career, geographic, gender and ethnic backgrounds to continue to help protect Maryland's priorities."

Background information on each of the appointees is below:

Maryland Health and Higher Education Facilities Authority:

Thomas "Toby" Bozzuto, Jr. – Mr. Bozzuto has been appointed to the Maryland Health and Higher Education Facilities Authority. Mr. Bozzuto is currently the President of Bozzuto Development Company, a company that specializes in the development of multifamily apartment communities ranging from affordable housing to urban high-rise properties throughout the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast regions. Mr. Bozzuto has worked at the company since 2001 and has served in various positions, including Executive Vice President, Vice President, and Development Manager. Prior to that, he served as a Financial Analyst of Real Estate Debt at JP Morgan. He also served as a Financial Analyst at Columbia National Real Estate Finance where he was responsible for underwriting commercial and multifamily property deals to raise equity and debt. Mr. Bozzuto serves on the Executive Committee for the Urban Land Institute's Baltimore District Council, the Buildings and Grounds Committee for the Maryland Institute College of Art, the Building Committee for Catholic Charities, and is a board member of the Maryland Art Place. He also regularly guest lectures for the Harvard University Graduate School of Design and the Johns Hopkins Carey Business School's Edward St. John Real Estate Program. He received his Bachelor of Arts in English from Colgate University in 1992, and received his Masters of Science in Real Estate Development from New York University. He is a resident of Baltimore City.

Maryland State Board of Contract Appeals

Delegate Ann Marie Doory, Esq. – The Honorable Ann Marie Doory has been appointed to the Maryland State Board of Contract Appeals. Delegate Doory has been a member of the Maryland House of Delegates since 1987. She is the Vice Chair of the Ways and Means Committee and prior to that she was Vice Chair of the Judiciary Committee and the Economic Matters Committee. She is also a member of the Rules and Executive Nominations Committee and a member of the Spending Affordability Committee. Delegate Doory also is a member of the National Conference of State Legislatures (law and criminal justice committee), the Advisory Committee for the University of Baltimore School of Law, the Maryland Tourism Board, the Commission on Civic Literacy and the Board of the House of Ruth of Maryland. She attended St. Mary's Academy in Leonardtown, and received her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Towson University in 1976. She received her Juris Doctor from the University of Baltimore School of Law in 1979. She is a recipient of *The Daily Record's* Maryland's Top 100 Women recognition in 1998, 2000 and 2003 and is a member of their Circle of Excellence. She is also a recipient of the Legislative Sponsor Award from the Maryland's Children's Action Network. She is a resident of Baltimore City.

Maryland Racing Commission

Louis Jay Ulman, Esquire – Mr. Ulman has been designated Chair of the Maryland Racing Commission. He has served on the Maryland Racing Commission since 2007. He previously served on the Commission from 2001 to 2005. During that time he also served a term as Chair. Mr. Ulman has been in the industry for over 20 years and is extremely knowledgeable in all aspects of the

horse racing industry in Maryland. He is also a horse owner and has owned both standard bred and thoroughbred horses over the years. He is an attorney with Offit Kurman where he concentrates his practice on estate tax planning, business succession planning, the preservation of assets in connection with long term care stays and special needs planning. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of The Columbia Foundation and he serves as counsel to the Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults. He has served as Vice Chairman of the Maryland Public Broadcasting Commission, Vice Chairman of the Howard County Social Services Board, President of the Baltimore Junior Association of Commerce and President of Santa Claus Anonymous, Inc. He is also a member of the Howard County Bar Association, and the Maryland Bar Association. He received his Bachelor of Arts from Dickinson College in 1967 and received his Juris Doctor from the Washington College of Law at American University in 1970. He was admitted to the Maryland bar in 1970. He is a resident of Howard County.

Maryland State Council on Educational Opportunities for Military Children

Robert Tomback, PhD – Dr. Tomback has been appointed to the Maryland State Council on Educational Opportunities for Military Children. Dr. Tomback is currently the Superintendent of Schools for Harford County Public Schools and has served there since 2009. Prior to that, he served as Area Assistant Superintendent for Baltimore County Public Schools from 2007 to 2009. From 1995 to 2007, Dr. Tomback was the Principal of Catonsville High School in Baltimore County, and prior to that, he served as Principal at Old Court Middle School in Baltimore County. Prior to those roles, he served in various other educational roles in educational systems throughout Maryland, including Assistant Principal, Department Chair of Social Studies, and teacher of Social Studies. He is a member of the American Association of School Administrators, the American Educational Research Association, and the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development. In 2008 he received the Outstanding Professional award from the University of Maryland College Park and was Past President of the Maryland Council for Social Studies. Dr. Tomback received his Bachelor of Arts in History from the City College of New York, received his Masters of Arts in Social Studies Education from the City University of New York and received her Doctorate in Human Development from the University of Maryland, College Park. He is a resident of Baltimore County.

Flavia Walton, Ph.D. – Dr. Walton has been appointed to the Maryland State Council on Educational Opportunities for Military Children. Dr. Walton provides consulting services for a variety of public and private organizations and has over 35 years of experience addressing the needs of culturally diverse urban youth and their families to enhance academic success. Dr. Walton implemented a national prevention program, “Project LEAD: High Expectations!” a community based program that aimed to increase academic achievement and school retention. Dr. Walton pioneered this program in Maryland, working with over ninety youth who were at risk of academic failure and dropping out of school. Dr. Walton was also the director of the Creative Arts Center in San Antonio, Texas where she pioneered efforts to use arts as prevention and educational tools with youth from barrios in the inner city. Prior to that, she was the director of the Educational Encouragement Scholarship Program in Tucson, and developed proposals to fund scholarships for residents to attend school. Dr. Walton has served in the National Advisory Council for the National Institute of Drug Abuse and also serves on the Maryland Healthcare Foundation Board. She received a Ph.D. in rehabilitation administration and a Master of Science in rehabilitation counseling from the University of Arizona. She received her Bachelor of Arts in economics and sociology from Mills College. She is a resident of Prince George’s County.

Sara Bonise – Ms. Bonise has been appointed to the Maryland State Council on Educational Opportunities for Military Children. Ms. Bonise currently is the School Liaison of the Child, Youth and School Services for the Department of the U.S. Army. In that role, she serves as the ombudsman for military families relocating to and residing at Ft. Meade. Prior to that, Ms. Bonise served as the Executive Director of Eagleview Child Development Center in Uncasville, Connecticut, managing a large child care center. From 1996 to 2007 she was the Executive Director of Citicorp Family Center in Hagerstown, Maryland, and from 1981 to 1996, she served in various positions including teacher, center director, family child care director and Child Development Services Coordinator for the U.S. Army Children and Youth Programs in locations including Ft. Ritchie, Maryland, and military bases in South Korea, Germany and Belgium. She is a member of the National Association for the Education of Young Children and the West Anne Arundel County Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Bonise received her Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst in 1979, received her Masters in Early Childhood Education from Shippensburg University in 2001. She is a resident of Prince George’s County.

Board of Airport Zoning Appeals

Manuel Geraldo, Esquire – Mr. Geraldo has been appointed to the Board of Airport Zoning Appeals. Mr. Geraldo is the President and Treasurer of Robinson & Geraldo Law Offices and practices law in the areas of workers compensation, civil, personal injury, business, real estate, family and litigation. He has served in that role since 1979. Prior to that, he served as the Director and General Counsel for the District of Columbia Private Industry Council. From 1977 to 1979, he served in the Office of General Counsel for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Prior to that, he served on the Commission for

Human Rights, and served as Executive Director for the Congress of Portuguese Speaking People. He currently serves as the Director of the Prince George's County Community Foundation, the Portuguese Heritage Scholarship Foundation, the Portuguese American Leadership Council, Director and Vice President of the Pro Bono Resource Center, and a member of the Maryland Court of Appeals Standing Committee on Pro Bono Service. He received his Bachelor of Science from Seton Hall University in 1972, received his Juris Doctor from Rutgers School of Law in 1977 and received his Masters in International and Comparative Law from Georgetown University in 1984. He is admitted to the Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, District of Columbia and Virginia Bars. He is a resident of Prince George's County.

Maryland Workforce Corporation Board

Theresa Daytner – Ms. Daytner has been appointed to the Maryland Workforce Corporation Board. Ms. Daytner is currently the President and CEO of Daytner Construction Group. Under her leadership, the business has grown from \$100,000 per year in revenue to \$17 million in 2010. Prior to that, she served as a Sole Proprietor and CPA for Daytner & Associates. Ms. Daytner is a member of the Entrepreneur's Organization, the Gathering of the Titans, the Baltimore Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Maryland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the National Association of Woman Business Owners, Women Impacting Public Policy, the Construction Management Association of America, and the Society of American Military Engineers. She received the Small Business Association of Maryland Woman Business Champion award in 2009, the Smart CEO MD BRAVA Award in 2009, and the "Emerging Business Leader – Fifty Influential Minorities in Business" award from the Minority Business and Professionals Network in 2004, among others. She received her Bachelor of Science in Accounting from the University of Maryland, College Park in 1989. She is a resident of Frederick County.

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Statement from Governor Martin O'Malley on Maryland's Second Straight Month of Job Gains

ANNAPOLIS, MD (May 21, 2010) –Governor Martin O’Malley issued this statement today following the announcement that, for the second straight month, Maryland experienced net job growth. In April, Maryland’s unemployment rate dropped .2% to 7.5%, marking the first monthly decline in the state’s jobless rate since December 2007.

“Today’s announcement is another positive sign for families and businesses in Maryland. Building on our progress in March, Maryland created thousands of jobs in April as we come through the national recession. While there is still more to do, this second straight month of jobs gains shows that our economy is turning in a positive direction.

“We will continue to focus our energies on creating jobs, saving jobs, and helping our small businesses create and save jobs, delivering results for the people of our state and moving Maryland forward.”

Maryland’s unemployment rate is now approximately 25 percent below that national rate, which rose last month to 9.9 percent. The addition of 8,200 jobs last month marks the highest three-month jobs gain for Maryland in at least 20 years. The O’Malley-Brown Administration continues to leverage the enormous job-creating potential of our State, including strategic tax cuts for businesses that hire unemployed workers, and investments in important growth sectors of our economy, a world-class workforce, and America’s #1 ranked public schools.

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Statement from Governor Martin O'Malley on Prince George's Hospital Authority Final Report

ANNAPOLIS, MD (May 21, 2010) –Governor Martin O’Malley issued this statement today following the release of the Prince George’s Hospital Authority’s final report.

“I want to thank Chairman Ken Glover, and all the members of the Prince George’s Hospital Authority for the time and extraordinary effort they put into this process. It remains our strong commitment to improving access and quality of healthcare for the people of Prince George’s County. There is still work ahead of us in this process. The Authority’s report and recommendations provide a pathway for the state and county to work together, leveraging a combination of existing assets and public funds to build a new healthcare delivery system with greater access to primary care, and ultimately, a new hospital.”

“I look forward to continuing the work ahead with County Executive Johnson, the County Council, legislators from the area, and all Prince George’s County stakeholders to achieve these goals.”

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Governor Martin O'Malley Announces New Oyster Regulations, Creating Jobs and Expanding Oyster Sanctuaries

Proposed regulations submitted to General Assembly would add millions to Maryland's economy and create hundreds of jobs



ANNAPOLIS, MD (May 21, 2010) –Governor Martin O’Malley, stakeholders, fishery managers and scientists returned to the Annapolis Maritime Museum today to announce the submission of new regulations that will clear the way for implementation of the State’s proposed Oyster Restoration and Aquaculture Development Plan. Governor O’Malley announced the State’s plan to expand oyster sanctuaries and aquaculture leasing areas for their ecological and economic benefits at the site of Annapolis’ last shellfish packing business in December.

“Today we are on the verge of making history, as we stand on the threshold of implementing a plan that was called for by the very first oyster advisory commission in the 1800s, but was never achieved,” said Governor O’Malley. “After decades of doing the same thing year after year, the citizens of Maryland are becoming united in the view that we need to change course and take bold action to rebuild our oyster population -- both for their ecological values and for the jobs and economic impact that an expanded aquaculture industry will provide for Maryland families for generations to come.”

The submission of regulations to the General Assembly’s Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive and Legislative Review (AELR) is the next critical step in Maryland’s efforts to restore the Bay’s native oyster, build a robust and sustainable aquaculture industry and maintain a better managed public fishery. As proposed, the regulations will:

- Significantly increase the State’s network of oyster sanctuaries from 9% to 25%. They will be greater in number, larger in size, easier to enforce and established in the most appropriate areas based on scientific advice.
- Identify 600,000 acres open to leasing for oyster aquaculture.
- Identify areas off limits to leasing, allowing for continued support of a more targeted, sustainable, scientifically managed public oyster fishery.



The regulations will be published in the Maryland register July 2, which will begin a 6-week public comment and hearing period. If approved, the regulations will become effective in early September, prior to the October 1 start of oyster season.

“Since the Governor announced this groundbreaking proposal in December, we have worked diligently with legislators, local elected officials and all of our stakeholders — including members of the oyster industry, aquaculture interests, scientists, environmentalists, sport fishermen and citizens,” said DNR Secretary John Griffin. “This unprecedented public process resulted in more than 150 meetings, during which we made numerous adjustments to our proposal to address the concerns of our watermen while maintaining the integrity of the Governor’s plan.

“Once approved, these regulations will put into place our expanded sanctuary network and change existing regulations to encourage development of aquaculture in Maryland — and the hundreds of jobs and millions of dollars it will eventually bring to our State,” said Governor O’Malley. “Maryland watermen will have an opportunity to significantly expand their incomes while continuing to work a more scientifically managed public fishery.”

Today’s announcement was commended by the Federal government, environmentalists, scientists, aquaculture interests, anglers and citizen oyster growers.

“Chesapeake Bay oysters are both a foundation of a healthy bay ecosystem and an important economic resource for local communities around the Bay,” said NOAA Administrator Jane Lubchenco. “Restoring oysters requires innovative thinking, ecosystem-based planning and collaborative action. I want to applaud Governor O’Malley, his staff at the Department of Natural Resources and others across the Bay region for this action and look forward to helping in its implementation.”

“The Oyster Restoration and Aquaculture Development Plan is based on a solid scientific foundation in setting a long-needed, new course to rebuild and manage Maryland’s native oyster populations,” said University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science President Dr. Donald Boesch. “It also advances economic production through aquaculture, bringing us more in line with virtually all other economically viable oyster-growing regions in the world.”

“These regulations give us the tools we need to streamline the Aquaculture Industry in Maryland, making us one of the most progressive states in the nation,” said Don Webster, Extension Specialist with the University of Maryland and former Chair of the Aquaculture Coordinating Council. “Expanding oysters through innovative management and partnerships under the new State plan will provide important economic, employment and environmental benefits.”

“The Governor’s plan to increase sanctuary reefs and promote aquaculture will set us on a course to dramatically increase the oyster population. In doing so, we will see both ecological and economic benefits — something that is long over due,” said Chesapeake Bay Foundation President William C Baker. “History has shown that strong science-based regulations are essential — just consider the restoration of the rockfish population and the dramatic increase in the blue crab population. CBF thanks Governor O’Malley for his leadership.”

While declines in our oyster populations are not solely the result of a failure to embrace aquaculture, economic contributions to the traditional industry have not created a stable fishery. In fact, these contributions, which once produced a net economic benefit of \$146 million over 10 years, are now projected to produce a net economic *loss* of \$64 million over the same period.

Since 1994, the Chesapeake Bay’s oyster population has languished at one percent of historic levels; quality oyster bars have decreased 70% from 200,000 to 36,000 (70% decrease) and the number of harvesters has dwindled from 2,000 in the mid 1980s to just over 500 annually since 2002. Today there are only eight oyster processing companies in Maryland, down from 58 in 1974.

Based on last season’s harvest reports, it is estimated the new sanctuaries will reduce the public oyster fishery by 10 to 15 percent, a gross economic impact of approximately \$350,000 to \$500,000.

Maryland’s Oyster Restoration and Aquaculture Development plan is built on the findings of a six-year Environmental Impact Study of oyster restoration options, and the work of the Oyster Advisory Commission and the Aquaculture Coordinating Council. In January 2009, Governor O’Malley sponsored aquaculture legislation to streamline the regulatory process and open new areas to leasing to promote growth of that industry, lessen pressure on wild oysters and provide alternative economic opportunities for watermen. This legislation was developed with broad stakeholder involvement and passed overwhelmingly in the General Assembly this year. Aquaculture is now the predominant means of shellfish harvesting around the world.

Last month, Governor O’Malley announced that after the implementation of new regulations to protect the blue crab population, the blue crab population has rebounded to its highest levels since 1997. In addition, watermen actually harvested more crabs this past season than in 7 of the past 10 years, confirming the long-held belief that a healthy harvesting industry can coexist with regulations that protect the long term health of the blue crab population.

View the plan and a summary of the proposed regulations www.dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries.

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Statement from Governor Martin O'Malley on Establishment of Cyber Command in Maryland

ANNAPOLIS, MD (May 21, 2010) –Governor Martin O’Malley issued this statement today following the announcement that the U.S. Cyber Command will be established at Fort Meade, Maryland. The total command is expected to exceed 21,000 soldiers and civilians, including units from each of the four branches of the armed services.

“I want to congratulate General Keith Alexander for officially receiving his fourth star today. When we spoke two weeks ago, I extended my personal congratulations and best wishes as he assumes direction of the Cyber Command.

“With the establishment of this Command in Maryland, we continue to strengthen our position as a global hub for cyber security. This emerging industry not only helps protect our national security, but it provides for endless economic opportunity and job creation. In Maryland, we’re committed to doing everything we can to ensure that the establishment of Cyber Command at Fort Meade is a seamless transition for all involved, including the thousands of civilians and soldiers that will be based there.”

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Governor Martin O'Malley Announces Biotech Tax Credit Awardees

State program has leveraged \$50 million for Maryland's bio industry



BALTIMORE, MD (May 24, 2010) –The Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development today announced that 14 Maryland biotechnology companies received investments in FY 2010 from the state's *Biotechnology Investment Incentive Tax Program*, which encourages investors to provide seed and early-stage funding to qualified, privately held Maryland biotechnology companies. Investors, many of whom have benefitted from the program since it was first funded in FY 2007, received a portion of the \$6 million in credits that was available this fiscal year. The program, which is being funded in FY 2011 at \$8 million, is a key part of the BioMaryland 2020 plan, the 10-year, \$1.3 billion strategy for which the Governor was recently honored as BIO Governor of the Year.

“The Biotech Tax Credit program has become one of State’s most important tools for giving fledging biotechnology companies the chance to mature and commercialize oftentimes life-saving discoveries,” said Governor Martin O’Malley. “Over the past four years, we have invested \$24 million in this program, which has leveraged more than \$50 million in private investment for Maryland’s biotechnology community.”

“Through follow-up surveys with the companies who have received investments through this program, we have found that many have been able to create new jobs, increase their revenues and access additional capital to conduct clinical trials and research and development,” said Secretary Christian Johansson.

Many of the biotechnology companies that have received investments from the tax credit year after year have been able to leverage the funding to attract venture capital, private investments and federal grants.

For example, Sequella Inc., a clinical stage biopharmaceutical firm based in Rockville, has used the biotech tax credit to raise \$5.4 million, which paid for significant toxicology studies required by the FDA and Phase 1 clinical trials for a promising new drug candidate for tuberculosis and multi-drug resistant tuberculosis (TB). In addition, the company was able to secure additional equity investments of \$7 million, NIH grants worth \$6.3 million, and a €12 million grant to pay for Phase 2 clinical studies in Africa later this year.



“The Biotechnology Investor Tax Credit was critical for us and we simply would not be where we are today as a company without it,” said Marty Zug, Sequella’s CFO. “In an environment where capital is tight and tough to find, the tax credit reduces the investment risk and results in significant company-saving infusions of equity to an industry that is the growth engine of Maryland. In our case, the tax credit gave us the ability to secure funding to continue to develop one of the first new TB drugs in 40 years, reduce the spread of multi-drug resistant TB, and potentially save the 2 million people who die from TB each year.”

Baltimore-based Gliknik, which started operations in 2007, has already identified drug candidates for cancer and autoimmune

diseases from a newly developed platform that improves upon existing cancer drugs and from synthetic equivalents of IVIG, a \$3 billion product derived today from pooled human blood.

“Making new drugs like these is challenging to finance in the current economic environment,” said Dr. David Block, founder and CEO of Gliknik. “The Biotech Tax Credit lessens the financial risk for our early investors and provides the necessary lifeline that has allowed us to get to the point where numerous potential corporate collaboration partners are engaged.”

Companies receiving investments from the program in FY 2010 include BioMarker Strategies (Baltimore City); Zymetis (Prince George’s County); Sequella Inc. (Montgomery County); Gliknik (Baltimore City); FASgen (Baltimore City); 20/20 Gene Systems (Montgomery County); Noxilizer (Montgomery County); MaxCyte (Montgomery County); Blue Torch Medical Technologies (Montgomery County); Arginetix (Baltimore County); Alper Biotech (Montgomery County); Creatv MicroTech (Montgomery County); Rafagen (Montgomery County); and A&G Pharmaceutical (Howard County).

To qualify, companies are required to: be less than 12 years old; have their headquarters in Maryland; employ fewer than 50 people, and have a valid certification from the Department of Business and Economic Development. Investors are required to submit applications prior to making an investment. DBED reviews the applications and issues initial credit certifications within 30 calendar days. For more information on the program, visit www.marylandbiocenter.org.

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Statement from Governor Martin O'Malley on the Passing of Raymond V. Haysbert, Sr.

ANNAPOLIS, MD (May 25, 2010) –Governor Martin O’Malley issued this statement today following the passing of Raymond V. Haysbert, Sr., chief executive officer of the Parks Sausage Co., one of the largest African-American-owned businesses in the country, and the first minority-owned company to go public on the stock exchange:

“I am saddened by the news of the passing of Raymond Haysbert, a prominent businessman, community activist and leader in entrepreneurship for African-American owned businesses across our State and our country. Ray Haysbert fought for our freedom in the all-African American 332nd Fighter Group – the Tuskegee Airmen – during World War II, and upon returning home, fought tirelessly to expand African-American owned businesses in our country. Through his leadership and community activism, he proved that we can preserve our history while challenging its flaws, exacting a more just future for the next generation.”

“Raymond Haysbert will be missed dearly, but his dedication to equality and inclusion will not be forgotten. My thoughts, and the thoughts and prayers of all Marylanders, are with the family of Raymond Haysbert on this very sad day.”

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Governor Martin O'Malley Announces Appointments to the African American Museum Corporation Board of Directors

Announces appointments to various boards and commissions

ANNAPOLIS, MD (May 26, 2010) –Governor Martin O'Malley today announced appointments to the African American Museum Corporation Board of Directors and other various State Boards and Commissions including: the Historical Trust Board of Trustees, the Trial Courts Judicial Nominating Commission for District 11 – Montgomery County, the Legal Services Corporation Board of Directors and the Consumer Council.

“I am proud to announce the appointments to the African American Museum Corporation Board of Directors and the other various Boards and Commissions across the State. Each appointee brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise that will serve as an asset to the Boards they will serve on,” said Governor O'Malley. “We have worked hard to compile a list of individuals from across our State with diverse educational, career, geographic, gender and ethnic backgrounds to continue to help protect Maryland's priorities.”

Background information on each of the appointees is below:

African American Museum Corporation Board of Directors:

Victor C. March, Sr. – Mr. March has been appointed to the African American Museum Board of Directors. He is the CEO of March Alliance, a family owned full service network of funeral home establishments in the Baltimore metro area. Mr. March is also a Certified Public Accountant, and a licensed funeral director and embalmer. March Alliance has served over 2000 families annually since 1978 and remains the largest family owned African American funeral home in the country today. Mr. March graduated from Loyola College of Maryland with a Bachelors degree in accounting in 1978. He worked at Coopers & Lybrand upon graduation and specialized in service and manufacturing clients. In 1980, he returned to his family business, and in 1988, he assumed the reins of the company, including the daily financial oversight. Mr. March is a resident of Baltimore County.

Rosalyn Fugett Wiley, Ed.D. – Dr. Wiley has been appointed to the African American Museum Board of Directors. Dr. Wiley is currently the Unit Leader for the Infants and Toddlers Program at Baltimore City Public Schools, where she has served since 2007. From 2004 to 2007, she was the Interim Director at the Judy Center for the Baltimore City Public School System, and from 1995 to 2004 she was a Special Educator for the Infants and Toddlers Program for the Baltimore City Public School System. Ms. Wiley is also currently the Secretary and Treasurer of REJ & Associates, a communications company in Baltimore. She received her Associate's degree in Arts from Villa Julie College in 1978, received her Bachelor of Science from Towson State University in 1980, and received her Master of Science from the Johns Hopkins University in 1986. In 2006, she obtained her Doctorate of Education from Morgan State University. She has been a Board member of the Baltimore School for the Arts and the Daughters of the American Revolution. She is a resident of Baltimore County.

Roslyn L. Smith – Ms. Smith has been appointed to the African American Museum Board of Directors. Ms. Smith is currently the Human Resources Manager for Northrop Grumman Corporation where she has served since 1987. From 1981 to 1987, she was the Manager of the Westinghouse Corporation, Electronic Systems Group Socio-Economic Procurement Program. Prior to that, she was the Assistant to the President of the East Baltimore Community Corporation, and prior to that served as a Community Organizer for the organization. She currently serves on the Walters Art Museum Board for the African American Steering Committee and Women's Committee, and has served on a number of other boards including the Greater Baltimore Committee, the Baltimore Area Convention and Visitors Association, the United Way of Central Maryland, the NAACP – Baltimore Chapter, the Baltimore City Mental Health Systems, the Child Welfare League of America, and the U.S. Department of Commerce, among many others. She received her Bachelor of Science from the University of Maryland College Park and received her Master of Education from Coppin State University. She has received certificates in Executive Coaching, Human Resources Management and Executive Leadership. She is a resident of Baltimore City.

Constantine Grimaldis – Mr. Grimaldis has been appointed to the African American Museum Board of Directors. Mr. Grimaldis is the owner and director of the C. Grimaldis Gallery, Baltimore's oldest contemporary art gallery. The gallery

specializes in post World War II, American and European Art. He has been a member of the Executive Board for the Maryland Art Place since 2005. He attended the American Language Center at Columbia University in 1961, attended Alma College in Michigan from 1962 to 1963 and attended the University of Baltimore from 1965 to 1967. He is a resident of Baltimore City.

Theodore Mack – Mr. Mack has been appointed to the African American Museum Board of Directors. Mr. Mack is a retired U.S. Army Counterintelligence Officer, owner of T&B Custom Framing and Fine Art, and owner of TBM Travel Agency. He is a member of Prince Hall Masons, 33 Degree, is a charter member of the Military Intelligence Hall of Fame, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, a former board member of the Associated Black Charities, and a founding member and treasurer of the Northern Arundel Cultural Preservation Society. He received his Bachelor of Science from Mt. St. Mary's College. He is an Anne Arundel County resident.

Cheryl LaRoche, Ph.D. – Dr. LaRoche has been appointed to the African American Museum Board of Directors. Dr. LaRoche is a Professor at University of Maryland University College where she teaches African American History, Visual Culture and Identity. She is also a historical and archaeological consultant, focusing primarily on 18th and 19th century African American history. She served as a cultural heritage specialist for the URS Corporation on the President's House archaeological site for the National Park Service in Philadelphia. She has been a consultant for a number of historical, archaeological, and preservation projects, including the Josiah Henson site for Montgomery County, the Boston African Meeting House and UMass Boston Project, and the Duffield Street Project in Brooklyn, New York. She served on the "Preserve America Summit" panel and was an adviser/participant for the African American National Historic Landmark Assessment Survey. She was one of the authors of the National Significance of the Harriet Tubman Historic Area for the National Park Service. She received her PhD in American Studies as a Ford Fellow from the University of Maryland College Park in 2004, received her Masters of Arts in Museum Studies, Objects Conservation from the State University of New York, Fashion Institute of Technology in 1994, and received her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Art from the State University of New York, Buffalo in 1982. She currently serves as the Vice Chair of the Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture which has oversight of the Banneker Douglas Museum in Annapolis, Maryland. She is a resident of Montgomery County.

Charles M. Christian, Ph.D. – Dr. Christian has been appointed to the African American Museum Board of Directors. Dr. Christian currently is a Professor at Coppin State University in Baltimore, Maryland. Prior to that, he was a Professor of Social and Population Geography at the University of Maryland College Park where he taught for more than 35 years. He earned his Master of Arts and Ph.D. in Geography from the University of Illinois – Urbana Champaign. He also has a Masters of Teaching and Administration and a Bachelor of Arts in Social Studies Education from Northeastern State University. Dr. Christian has served on a number of national and state commissions, boards and task forces, and committees, including the White House Task Force on Saving Young Black Men, the Governor's Commission on the Commemoration and Legacy of Slavery in Maryland, the Reginald F. Lewis Museum Task Force on Education, and the University of Maryland President's Commission on Minority Issues, among others. He is also the founder of the Black Saga Competition, a learning activity that helps elementary and middle schools teach the African American experience. He is a resident of Baltimore City.

Maryland Historical Trust Board of Trustees

David Turner – Mr. Turner has been appointed to the Maryland Historical Trust Board of Trustees. Mr. Turner is a historian, and preservationist of African American, Indian and agricultural heritage. Since 1995, he has served on the Prince George's County Local Advisory Committee, and has served as Chair of the Historic Preservation Society (HPC) in 2003. Under his leadership, the HPC successfully acquired \$500,000 annual fund HPC/Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission grants for Prince George's County. He also successfully created the African American Heritage Preservation Group for the local chapter of the NAACP. He was re-appointed to Chair the HPC in 2009. Mr. Turner is a native Texan, and studied southern history at the University of Texas at Austin and government at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs. He has served as a national spokesman and as a speechwriter for the U.S. Marshals Service, the Department of Energy, the Office of Management and Budget and also worked for two White House administrations. He is a resident of Prince George's County.

Trial Courts Judicial Nominating Commission for District 11 – Montgomery County

Hong Suk "Paul" Chung – Mr. Chung has been appointed to the Trial Courts Judicial Nominating Commission for District 11 – Montgomery County. Mr. Chung is currently an attorney at Shulman, Rogers, Gandal, Pordy & Ecker, P.A. where he has worked on medical malpractice and personal injury litigation since 2002. Prior to that, Mr. Chung worked for the Office of the State's Attorney for Prince George's County where he was an Assistant State's Attorney. He is a member of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Maryland where he serves as the Chair Emeritus for the Judicial Selection Committee, the Montgomery County Bar Association, the Korean American Bar Association of the District of Columbia, the Maryland State Bar Association,

the Virginia State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Government and Politics from the University of Maryland in 1992 and received his Juris Doctor from Temple University Beasley School of Law in 1996. He is a resident of Montgomery County.

Legal Services Corporation Board of Directors:

Laura Esquivel – Ms. Esquivel has been appointed to the Legal Services Corporation Board of Directors. Ms. Esquivel is the Founder and Principal of Esquivel Strategies, a company that develops and implements legislative and advocacy strategy, outreach, coalition and strategic communications for progressive issue and advocacy campaigns. From 2008 to 2009, she was the Senior Vice President of Political Affairs for the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund and Leadership Institute. From 2005 to 2007, she was the Director of Issues of Marketing and Research for the People for the American Way and People for the American Way Foundation. Ms. Esquivel has also served as an adjunct professor in the Political Science departments at California State University, Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Community College District. From 1993 to 1999, she served as the legislative aide to City Councilmember Jackie Goldberg in Los Angeles. She was named one of the twenty most important LGBT Latinos/as in the US by *Adelante* magazine in 2008 and she won the LACE award for Outstanding Public Service from the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center in 2000. She is also the Founder of the National Latino/a Lesbian and Gay Organization (LLEGO). She received her Bachelor of Arts from California State University, Dominguez Hills in 1994, received her Master of Arts in Political Science from the California State University, Los Angeles in 2001, and was a National Hispana Leadership Fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government's Senior and Executive Leadership Program. She is a resident of Montgomery County.

Consumer Council:

Jessica Contreras – Ms. Contreras has been appointed to the Consumer Council. Ms. Contreras is currently a Social Worker for Baltimore Medical System and previously served as the Hispanic/Latino Community Liaison for the Mayor's Office of Neighborhoods for Baltimore City. Prior to that, she served as a social worker for Casey Family Services from 2001 to 2008, developing and coordinating Casey's Educational programming which included GED instruction and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes. From 2004 to 2005, she was a group facilitator for St. Michael's Outreach Center and was responsible for the facilitation of "*Si Puedo*" a male batterer intervention group. From 2000 to 2001, she was an In-Home Interventionist at the Annapolis Family Support Center, and from 1998 to 2000, she was the Assistant for Programs and Leadership for the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. She currently serves on the Johns Hopkins Community Advisory Board and the University of Maryland Black and Latino Alumni Committee. She also previously served on the Latino Providers Network. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Social Work from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County in 1998, and received her Masters in Social Work from the University of Maryland at Baltimore in 2000. She is a resident of Baltimore City.

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Governor Martin O'Malley Honors Fallen Soldiers This Memorial Day Weekend

Governor honors fallen soldiers at Memorial Day ceremony in Rocky Gap Veterans Cemetery

ANNAPOLIS, MD (May 28, 2010) –Governor Martin O'Malley today honored fallen soldiers at a Memorial Day ceremony in Flintstone, MD at Rocky Gap Veterans Cemetery. The Governor joined members of the local American Legion and other Maryland veterans to pay tribute to those men and women who have given the ultimate sacrifice.

Governor O'Malley issued this statement today as Americans prepare to honor the sacrifice of our soldiers and their families this Memorial Day:

“Our hearts are heavy this weekend, as we honor and remember the brave Marylanders who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of freedom. As we reflect on their bravery and sacrifice, our thoughts and prayers are with their families. All of Maryland stands shoulder-to-shoulder with them.”

“Since last Memorial Day we have lost fifteen Maryland service members. Through the pain of their loss, and the honor of their sacrifice, we are reminded that our freedoms truly are not free. They are won through the blood, sweat and tears of brave patriots who put their own lives on the line so that the rest of us can be safe and free.”

“From the earliest days of our Republic, brave men and women have squared their shoulders against the forces of fear and tyranny. Our State and indeed our nation are built upon their sacrifice and bravery.”

“I hope all Marylanders will take some time to remember our fallen patriots, stand with their families, and honor our Veterans and brave service men and women who continue to serve our country in harm's way.”