



Governor Andy Beshear, Co-Chair Kentucky



Governor Henry McMaster, Co-Chair South Carolina

Economic Development and Revitalization Task Force

OUR JURISDICTION

The Economic Development and Revitalization Task Force has jurisdiction over a broad range of issue areas including Infrastructure, Broadband, State Stabilization, Energy, Environment, Land Management, and Taxes.

OUR PRIORITIES

Accelerating infrastructure project delivery, streamlining permitting, and securing energy resilience;

CHIPS and Science Act implementation, Economic Development Administration reauthorization, and advancing technology innovation to strengthen our economy and national security;

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) implementation and advocating for the infrastructure needs of states and territories;

Safeguarding water resources by protecting the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds (SRFs), prioritizing the needs of states and territories in the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) 2024 reauthorization, and addressing the threats of forever chemicals (PFAS);

Ensuring successful deployment of broadband infrastructure and adoption of services through programs such as the Affordable Connectivity Program.

OUR WORK

Infrastructure Advocacy and Implementation

The [Economic Development and Revitalization Task Force's](#) work is a continuation of Governors' efforts to highlight infrastructure needs across the country: In 2019, Governors adopted [NGA's Principles for National Infrastructure Investment](#), spelling out four main areas of focus, and the following year, [Governor Hogan's Chair's Initiative](#) built on that framework and worked on a bipartisan basis to provide further [policy recommendations](#). With the enactment of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, NGA continues to provide [technical assistance and resources](#) to Governors.

Congressional Briefing on Environmental Protection

In April 2024, NGA hosted a [Congressional Briefing](#) with the Environmental Council of the States (ECOS) to educate Congressional staff, Administration officials, and other stakeholders on the environmental priorities of states and territories. Governors' staff from South Carolina, North Carolina, and Michigan presented on the importance of protecting the State Revolving Funds (SRFs), reauthorizing the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA), and addressing PFAS contamination.

Governors' Investments to Build a Strong Workforce in Emerging Sectors

At the Winter Meeting in February 2024, the Task Force [held a session](#) with 19 Governors to discuss strategies to build, upskill, and support the workforce for emerging sectors like infrastructure, broadband, energy, and technology. The discussion was led by Task Force co-chair Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear and Task Force member Wyoming Governor Mark Gordon. It featured U.S. Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo, Edison Electric Institute President and CEO Dan Brouillette, and SEMI Foundation Executive Director Shari Liss.

State Revolving Fund Advocacy

In September 2023, Co-Chairs Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear and South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster sent a [letter to Congressional leaders](#) urging them to address the adverse impact of Congressionally Directed Spending on the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds (SRFs). NGA remains engaged with Congress on this issue and continues to advocate for a solution that would protect federal water infrastructure funding for states and territories.

Fiscal Year 2025 Appropriations Advocacy

In June 2024, the Task Force [sent a letter to Congressional appropriators](#) advocating for Governors' priorities as they consider the Fiscal Year 2025 spending bills. Highlights included robust funding for surface transportation programs, water infrastructure, broadband and economic development programs, wildfire response and management, and energy programs to modernize the grid.

Permitting Reform Advocacy

In June 2023, NGA convened the first of two virtual infrastructure project [permitting workshops](#). This session provided participants an opportunity to share challenges and best practices to improve permitting and project delivery outcomes. This workshop built on the work of NGA's Energy and Infrastructure Working Group, which was comprised of nine bipartisan Governors and led by Utah Governor Spencer Cox and former Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards. The working group engaged the Biden administration at a principal level and produced a [bipartisan permitting vision](#) to accelerate project delivery. Many of the Working Group's recommendations were incorporated into the [debt ceiling agreement](#). The working group has passed future work and advocacy on permitting reform to the Task Force.

CHIPS and Science Act Implementation

In July 2022, NGA successfully advocated for the passage and enactment of the [Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors \(CHIPS\) for America Act of 2022](#), which provides \$52 billion for semiconductor research and manufacturing and was a [federal priority](#) for Governors. Since passage, NGA has [hosted briefings and provided resources](#) to states and territories as they work to compete for and implement CHIPS funding.

Members

- Governor Kay Ivey - Alabama
- Governor Mike Dunleavy - Alaska
- Governor John Carney - Delaware
- Governor Lou Leon Guerrero - Guam
- Governor JB Pritzker - Illinois
- Governor Eric Holcomb - Indiana
- Governor Laura Kelly - Kansas
- Governor Janet Mills - Maine
- Governor Wes Moore - Maryland
- Governor Gretchen Whitmer - Michigan
- Governor Greg Gianforte - Montana
- Governor Phil Murphy - New Jersey
- Governor Roy Cooper - North Carolina
- Governor Doug Burgum - North Dakota
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