

Economic Development and Revitalization Task Force



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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.

NGA TOP PRIORITIES

Enhancing emergency management;
Streamlining permitting processes;
Supporting flexibility and waiver opportunities and funding for state and territorial designed Medicaid, SNAP, and TANF;
Ensuring the federal government meets its already committed obligations for federally funded projects across states, territories and Commonwealths.

TASK FORCE PRIORITIES

Accelerating infrastructure project delivery and streamlining permitting, while establishing Governors' priorities for the next surface transportation reauthorization;
Advancing technology innovation and securing energy resilience to strengthen the country's economy and national security;
Working with Congress on the most impactful programs for states and territories contained in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), and the CHIPS and Science Act;
Investing in state and territorial efforts to protect water resources and clean water;
Ensuring Governors have a voice as Congress considers tax reform and international trade agreements.

OUR WORK

Governors Call for Energy Permitting Reform

At the Winter Meeting in February 2025, the Task Force [held a session](#) with 21 Governors to discuss streamlining the permitting process for vital infrastructure projects. The discussion featured Task Force Co-Chairs Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear and South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster along with NGA Vice Chair Oklahoma Governor Kevin Stitt and Pennsylvania Governor Josh Shapiro. To kick off the session, former Governor and U.S. Department of Interior Secretary Doug Burgum spoke to Governors about the Administration's work to accelerate permitting reviews for new energy projects.

During the session, Governor Stitt and Governor Shapiro announced the formation of a bipartisan working group to explore critical issues surrounding permitting reform, infrastructure acceleration, and energy resilience, with a particular focus on the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), judicial review, and transmission siting. Governors Stitt and Shapiro will co-chair the group, which will work in tandem with the Task Force. This builds on the work of an Energy and Infrastructure Working Group from 2023, which produced a [bipartisan permitting vision](#) to accelerate project delivery. Many of the Working Group's recommendations were incorporated into the [June 2023 debt ceiling agreement](#).

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](#), designating four main areas of focus, and in 2020, former [Governor Hogan's Chair's Initiative](#) built on that framework to provide further bipartisan [policy recommendations](#). With the passage 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 the protecting the State Revolving Funds (SRFs), reauthorizing the Water Resources Development Act, and addressing PFAS.

Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) and Economic Development Administration (EDA) Reauthorization

In January 2025, a [legislative package](#) was signed into law to reauthorize the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) and the Economic Development Administration (EDA). Both federal priorities of the Task Force, Governors played a key advocacy role in the bipartisan legislation. NGA sent a letter to Congressional leaders in March 2024 describing Governors' [WRDA priorities](#) and in November 2024 [urging EDA reauthorization](#). In December 2024, Task Force Co-Chairs Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear and South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster issued [a statement applauding final passage of the bill](#).

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.

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.

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.