

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.

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); and

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, including hosting regular [virtual and in-person meetings](#) with Governors' Infrastructure Coordinators and federal officials.

Governors' Actions to Accelerate Infrastructure Projects

At the Annual Meeting in July 2023, NGA [hosted a policy discussion](#) on how Governors can safely speed up the process to deliver energy and infrastructure benefits nationwide. The session was led by Task Force members North Carolina Governor Cooper and Oklahoma Governor Stitt and featured Calvin Butler, President and CEO of Exelon, Steve Woerner, New England President of National Grid, and Tony Lewis, Regional Vice President of Verizon. Governors had a robust discussion on solutions to streamline the permitting process, address legal challenges, increase community engagement, and tackle procurement issues to deliver infrastructure projects more quickly.

Permitting Reform Advocacy

In June 2023, NGA convened its first in a series of 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 now NGA Chair 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.

Rail Safety Advocacy

In June 2023, the National Governors Association, along with the National Association of Counties and the National League of Cities, sent a [letter to Senate leadership](#) urging their support of S. 576, the Railway Safety Act of 2023. This advocacy builds on the Economic Development and Revitalization Task Force's continued commitment to building and maintaining safe, reliable infrastructure.

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.