

RECOVERY ACCOUNTABILITY & TRANSPARENCY BOARD

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- Good morning and welcome to Maryland,... **and thank you for the important work you're doing, work that's critically important to all of us in the states.**
- **Speaking as a Governor, I can personally attest to the fact that the Recovery & Reinvestment Act has been a lifeline during this national recession** – even in a state such as Maryland where we've weathered the economic storm better than most.
- Our top priority during these tough times is job creation and retention, and **the Recovery Act allowed us (in our most recent quarter) to create and save 15,330 jobs** – direct, indirect, and induced.
- **What's more, as we make the turn into a new economy, we've been able to use Recovery resources to protect critically important priorities like public education and public health.** With 87 cents of every State dollar we invest going to public safety, public education, and public health, the value of these resources to our recovery cannot be overstated.
- Your work also matters for another reason: the many ways in which transparency, openness, and accountability bring citizens closer to their government.
- **In this changing new economy, we believe in Maryland that the states which win, will be the states that succeed both in spurring innovation to create jobs *and* in managing for results** by openly setting goals, openly measuring the performance of our public efforts and institutions, broadly sharing information rather than hoarding it, and finding the willingness to change course when necessary to move our graphs in the right direction.

RECOVERYSTAT

- **In Maryland, we share the President’s commitment to investing our Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds with maximum efficiency, maximum openness, and maximum transparency.** To guide us in this process, we are using an initiative we call “StateStat” – which is, if you will, the parent of RecoveryStat.
- StateStat was born out of the CitiStat initiative we created in the City of Baltimore, which in turn was born out of the NYPD’s CompStat initiative, which helped produce dramatic reductions in crime in New York City. Through CitiStat, we began measuring and mapping every conceivable service, problem, and opportunity. To drive progress we adopted the tenets of CompStat. They are: timely, accurate information shared by all, rapid deployment of resources, effective tactics and strategies, and relentless follow-up and assessment.
- We took CitiStat with us to state government in 2007 and have been using the same tenets in StateStat to guide our efforts in an array of areas, ranging from restoring the health of the Chesapeake Bay to restoring fiscal responsibility to state government.
- **So when we received our Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding, we already had a tracking system in place. We use StateStat and our first-in-the-nation iMap to strategically target our Recovery and Reinvestment Act investments, to rapidly deploy these resources, to ensure we’re hitting our goals for Minority Business Enterprise, and to guard against the possibility of waste, fraud, or abuse. How? With openness and transparency enabled by the internet, and visible to every citizen.**
- I understand that StateStat director Beth Blauer will be demonstrating our #1 ranked Recovery website for you today.

- **We routinely and relentlessly meet with key agency officials and collect and analyze benchmark data in order to change tactics and strategies when necessary to achieve our goals, we use GIS technology to map and track our progress, connecting these important dollars not only to the programs, but to the towns, counties and neighborhoods where these investments are being put to work for real people.**

CONCLUSION

- I won't take more of your time, so let me close by just saying thank you again and welcome to Maryland. I have found throughout my time in public life that things which get measured are things that get done. Your work is critically important, and we are grateful for it here in Maryland

