

Gov. Hogan Taps MBRG President for Procurement Commission

State Senators, CEOs join forces to improve biz climate

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Oct. 28, 2015 – To help streamline state procurement policy and give Maryland businesses wider participation therein, Governor Hogan has tapped the expertise of Maryland business advocate and entrepreneur Duane Carey.

Carey is President of [Maryland Business for Responsive Government](#) (MBRG), a statewide, nonpartisan organization that educates Maryland's business and political communities and the public on matters relating to business and job growth.

For the next year, Carey will serve on the One Maryland Blue Ribbon Commission, working closely with Commission Chairman and Maryland Senator Justin Ready along with a bipartisan group of legislators, business leaders, civic leaders, and experts from each of Maryland's Executive Departments.

"The Commission's goal goes hand-in-hand with that of MBRG—to make Maryland a better place to do business," said Carey, who is also President of [IMPACT Marketing & Public Relations](#), based in Columbia, MD.

"Governor Hogan has committed to changing Maryland's business climate for the better, and it's an honor to work with him and the other business advocates on the team."

The Commission will provide a preliminary report to the Governor and the General Assembly on December 31, 2015 and a final report in June 2016. The Commission's first meeting is planned for mid-November in Annapolis, MD.

A high-resolution photograph of Duane Carey is available below.

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Caption: *Duane Carey, President of MBRG and member of Governor Hogan's One Maryland Blue Ribbon Commission.*

About Maryland Business for Responsive Government (MBRG)

MBRG is a statewide, nonpartisan political research and education organization supported by corporations, trade associations, chambers of commerce, and individuals. The organization's goal is to inform and educate Maryland's business and political communities and the public at large on matters relating to a positive business climate and job growth. MBRG holds politicians accountable for Maryland's economic health by educating both citizens and legislators through its publications and events featuring prominent elected and appointed officials. Learn more at <http://www.mbrg.org/>.

About the One Maryland Blue Ribbon Commission

Created based on legislation sponsored by Maryland Senator Justin Ready, the One Maryland Blue Ribbon Commission will recommend ways to make Maryland's procurement process simpler and more accessible to Maryland job creators, particularly small businesses. The One Maryland concept was originally devised in the early 1990s by former Speaker of the House Casper Taylor, with cooperation from then-Governor William Donald Schaefer.

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