

2009 PUBLIC OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

GOVERNOR MARTIN O'MALLEY

“This year’s public officials have thrived in the face of remarkable challenges... Today, with every government grappling with the effects of a prolonged recession, their examples prove that strong, smart leadership is possible in the most difficult of circumstances.”

- Alan Ehrenhalt, Editor of *Governing*



“I have never felt more energized, more positive about or more committed to the tough work ahead. And the work that we do has never been more needed than it is today by Maryland’s families.”

Governor Martin O'Malley
State of the State Address, January 29, 2009



Making Government Accountable and Transparent

Governor O'Malley's **StateStat** is a performance-measurement and management tool based on his award winning CitStat initiative from Baltimore City that President Obama recently praised as having *“revolutionized performance management systems, showing the American people precisely how their governments are working for them.”*

▶ **A Quick and Accountable Recovery**

RecoveryStat continues to maximize the impact of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Thanks to RecoveryStat, Maryland became the first state in the nation to have its Phase I Transportation projects certified in just 20 days – creating jobs and putting Marylanders back to work in every region of our State.

▶ **A Smarter Way to Restore the Bay**

BayStat helps Maryland better assess, coordinate, and target Chesapeake Bay restoration efforts. Maryland is able to assess the progress being made, provide transparency, and spur public participation in one of our most important endeavors.

▶ **Delivering Accountability and Results**

Governor O'Malley has also established a Delivery Unit, based on Prime Minister Tony Blair's program, to act as an extension of StateStat by aligning state and federal resources around 15 strategic and visionary goals for improving the quality of life in Maryland.

The Best Public Schools in the World Martin O'Malley's Vision for Education

In January 2009, *Education Week* ranked Maryland's public schools the best in the nation in their annual "Quality Counts" Survey. Governor O'Malley laid out his vision for moving beyond the best public schools in the nation to the best public schools in the world, including...



▶ **Competing Globally**

Benchmarking our students against their peers from around the globe, including Asia, Africa, Europe, India and others.

▶ **Establishing Advanced Data Systems**

Creating a single, continual data system that tracks our students' development from Pre-K through high school and beyond.

▶ **Preparing High School Graduates**

Closing the "college readiness gap" by establishing the strategic framework from Pre-K to Post-Grad that provides our students with the skills they need to enter college and the 21st century workforce.

▶ **Expanding STEM and CTE**

Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) programs belong in every school in Maryland along with financial and environmental literacy. Career and Technology Education is providing our students with valuable skills that enable them to meet our critical workforce shortages in areas like healthcare and biosciences.

▶ **Opening the Doors to Affordable Higher Education**

By maintaining a freeze on resident undergraduate tuition for the 4th consecutive year at every University System of Maryland campus and Morgan State University – more of our students and families are able to realize their dreams of a world-class college education.

A Fiscally Responsible Budget

Governor O'Malley put forward some of the most painfully lean budgets in Maryland history to counter one of the most severe economic downturns in at least a generation while putting *Families First* and protecting the progress that Marylanders have made together.

▶ **Retaining Maryland's AAA Bond Rating**

Governor O'Malley produced a balanced budget while closing FY 2009 with a balance of \$692 million in Maryland's Rainy Day Fund, helping to preserve Maryland's status as one of only a handful of states with a AAA bond rating from all three bond rating agencies.

▶ **Maintaining the Safety Net that Protects Working Families**

Enhancing our critical Safety Net for hard working families by investing \$6 billion in quality, affordable healthcare, \$132 million for energy assistance, and securing an additional \$22 million to end childhood hunger in Maryland by 2015.



▶ **Increasing the MD Earned Income Tax Credit**

Governor O'Malley fought to increase Maryland's Earned Income Tax Credit by 25% to help our hard working families weather a tough economy.

▶ **Investing in Biotech and Life Sciences**

Governor O'Malley launched Bio2020, a 10 year, \$1.3 billion investment in life science and biotech research and development that to power Maryland's economy by fueling growth in this emerging field, positioning Maryland as a global leader in the next generation of healing technologies for the world.

▶ **Limiting Growth in Tough Times**

Governor O'Malley has restrained state spending by over \$4.3 billion and eliminated 3,200 State government positions, most of them vacancies.

Making Our Neighborhoods Safer for Families

Last year, Maryland lost 66 fewer lives to homicides Statewide, the 2nd largest reduction in nearly a quarter century (12%), by making public safety a top priority of the O'Malley Brown Administration.

▶ **Eliminating DNA Backlogs**

Governor O'Malley led the charge to clear a shameful backlog of over 24,000 uncollected DNA samples giving law enforcement the data they need to prevent the most hardened criminals from ever murdering or raping again.

▶ **Track and Monitor Repeat Violent Offenders**

By helping law enforcement identify and monitor the most violent, repeat offenders in our State, Governor O'Malley's Violence Prevention Initiative is taking criminals off the streets when they pose a risk to the public.

▶ **Information Sharing Technology**

Governor O'Malley is closing the revolving door between Washington, D.C., Virginia, and Maryland with unprecedented cross-border information sharing through the new Public Safety Dashboard,

▶ **A Stricter Standard for the Death Penalty**

Governor O'Malley signed one of the strictest death penalty laws in our nation, updating an outdated and ineffective death penalty law to reduce the chances that an innocent person could ever be put to death.

▶ **Protecting Our Homeland with Security Integration**

Governor O'Malley continues to be a leader on homeland security, recently earning a near-perfect score from the U.S. Coast Guard for port security, moving to a state-of-the-art integrated system of TWIC identification, biosurveillance, and CCTV systems that will prepare our State to weather any storm, natural or man-made, and protect the safety and security of our people.



Smart, Green, and Growing

The O'Malley Brown Administration launched *Smart, Green and Growing* to help bring about a more sustainable future for our State by involving everyone in reducing Maryland's carbon footprint, preserving our most ecologically valuable land, and restoring the health of our national treasure, the Chesapeake Bay.



▶ **Restoring the Health of Our Bay**

Governor O'Malley's Chesapeake Bay 2010 Trust Fund uses the innovative BayStat to target Bay restoration funds to projects that will have the greatest positive ecological impact on the health of our national treasure – the Chesapeake Bay.

▶ **Real Greenhouse Gas Reduction Goals**

Maryland recently became one of only a handful of states to take decisive action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions that are the primary cause of global warming. Working together, Maryland will reduce greenhouse gas emissions 25% by 2020 and realize a net benefit of over \$2 billion in energy savings spurring the economy with more than 100,000 new green jobs.

▶ **Conserving Energy by EmPowering Families**

Maryland now has one of the highest goals in the nation for achieving energy savings of 15% by 2015, by constructing efficient buildings, Smart Pricing and Smart Metering, and discounts on CLF bulbs and Energy Star appliances.

▶ **Maryland's Revolutionary GreenPrint**

Governor O'Malley is committed to protecting our environmental legacy even during tough times. In cooperation with the innovative Maryland GreenPrint, we have been able to protect five times more acres (25,300) compared to the prior administration - ensuring that our watershed and the wildlife it supports will be here for our children and theirs.