

Elected Official of the Year Anthony Brown, Lieutenant Governor, State of Maryland

Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley appointed Brown chair of the Governor's Subcabinet on Base Realignment and Closure shortly after the start of the 2005 round of base closures, assigning him the critical task of crafting and implementing a plan to ready the state's physical infrastructure and human capital before the September 2011 BRAC implementation deadline.

As a member of the Army Reserves, Brown knew firsthand how important it would be for national security and to the nation's Armed Forces to ensure BRAC recommendations were carried out as efficiently as possible. As Maryland's lieutenant governor, Brown also focused on supporting the thousands of new residents slated to move to Maryland, with more than 20,000 jobs arriving in 2011 and as many as 60,000 total jobs by 2015.

To carry out his responsibility as chair of the Governor's BRAC Subcabinet, Brown developed a unique, intergovernmental approach to planning processes. Efforts were coordinated vertically throughout state government; and at the same time, state officials collaborated horizontally with municipal, local, state and federal agencies. In the past several years, many of the BRAC Subcabinet's accomplishments have been cited nationally as best practices.







