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Introduction

The Maryland Military Department (DMIL) appreciates this opportunity to update the committee on the capital activities of the Department and to respond to the recommendations and requested updates contained in the Capital Budget analysis prepared by the Department of Legislative Services (DLS).

The Department's responses to the recommendations and requested updates of the Department of Legislative Services:

DLS Requested: *"The Military Department should update the committees on the status of the lease agreement with USMC, the status of the clearinghouse review, and comment on whether any additional expenditures may be needed to complete the tenant fit-out of the Hamlet Avenue facility." (DLS Analysis page 5)*

Agency Response:

The United States Marine Corps Reserves (USMCR) will license a ten-acre parcel at the Camp Fretterd Military Reservation (CFMR) to build a new, larger Reserve Center than the one they currently occupy on Hamlet Avenue in Baltimore. The lease period is 50 years, with a renewal option of 10 years, for the \$40 million dollar military construction project, which was approved by the Board of Public Works and managed by the Department of General Services (DGS). The licensed property is partially forested and currently unused. A reforestation plan has been developed to adhere to Maryland Department of Natural Resources guidelines. The project is currently in the design phase and construction is anticipated to begin September 2021.

The Commanding Officer, Navy Facilities (NAVFAC), and Commanding Officer, USMCR, have both received notification of DMIL's desire to acquire a lease on the

Hamlet Avenue federal property when the USMC moves into the newly constructed facility at CFMR. The USMC Engineer Battalion, currently occupying the Hamlet Avenue facility, requires more space to effectively house and store unit personnel and equipment.

NAVFAC must follow specific clearinghouse guidelines similar to those for the State of Maryland and is unable to designate the property specifically for use by DMIL. However, NAVFAC does not forecast or anticipate any other Department of the Navy or USMC interest in the location, as such action would have already been initiated.

Based upon present systems' life cycle management and renovations to the Hamlet Avenue facility in 2010, no life cycle system replacements are anticipated until at least 2030. At that time, it is estimated that boiler burners will need to be replaced at a cost of approximately \$20,000. Major systems and/or roofing replacements are not expected until at least 2035-2040.

DLS Requested: "The Military Department should comment on the current status of the divestiture of the Pikesville Armory." (DLS analysis page 5)

Agency Response:

The Pikesville Armory was vacated in May 2016. The property is currently pending advertisement and subsequent actions under the direction of the DGS. Disposal of the property is expected by December 2021.

GO Bond Recommended Actions: "Approve the authorization of \$5.028 million in general obligation bonds for the Havre de Grace Combined Support Maintenance Shop Surface Equipment and Automotive Maintenance Facility. This will fund the final phase of the facility's construction." (DLS Analysis page 7)

Agency Response:

The Department concurs with the DLS GO bond recommendation.