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## **Maryland Military Department**

### **Fiscal Year 2024 Capital Budget Response to Department of Legislative Services Budget Analysis**

**House Appropriations Committee  
Public Safety and Administration Subcommittee  
Delegate Mark Chang, Chair  
February 22, 2023**

**Senate Budget and Taxation Committee  
Health and Human Services Subcommittee  
Senator Craig Zucker, Chair  
February 21, 2023**

#### **Introduction**

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

**The Department's responses to the recommendations of the Department of Legislative Services:**

***DLS Recommendation:** Approve the \$593,000 general bond authorization for the White Oak Readiness Center Renovation and Expansion." (DLS Analysis, Page 2)*

#### **Agency Response:**

**MMD concurs with the DLS GO bond recommendation.**

***DLS Recommendation:** "Delete \$10,000,000 in federal funds for the Havre de Grace CSMS project as the application was denied and the funds are not forthcoming in fiscal 2024." (DLS Analysis, Page 2)*

#### **Agency Response:**

**MMD respectfully does not concur with this recommendation.** The project was not selected for FY-2023 Federal funding, but it was not denied. This is a selection process within the National Guard Bureau (NGB) which reviews submissions from all 54 States and Territories and competitively prioritizes them for selection based on a limited amount of available funds.

MMD submitted the Combined Surface Maintenance Shop (CSMS) project for funding in June 2021 and June 2022 for funding in FY-2023 and FY-2024 respectively. The project was not selected for funding in FY-2023, however the determination for FY-2024 has not been made yet. It is unclear when the Department of Defense will announce their selections. MMD also plans to submit this project in June 2023 to compete for funding in FY-2025. The project rates very competitively nationally at the present time and is likely to be selected for funding.

The federal fund PAYGO authorization of \$10M is important to the Department's ability to move forward with the remainder of this project expeditiously if selected by NGB in FY-2024.

**MMD does not concur with the suggested action and would like the committee to reject the recommendation.**