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**Maryland Military Department
Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Budget
Response to Department of Legislative Services Analysis**

**Senate Budget & Taxation Committee
Capital Sub-Committee
Senator Craig J. Zucker, Chair
February 27, 2024**

**House Appropriations Committee
Capital Sub-Committee
Delegate Mark S. Chang, Chair
February 26, 2024**

Honorable Chair and members of the subcommittee, my name is Brigadier General Andrew Collins and I am honored to come before you to present the Capital Budget testimony for the Maryland Military Department. We thank our DLS analyst Ms. Rai and our DBM analyst Mr. Wardrup for their help and support in this process.

Overview:

- The Maryland Military Department has been awarded a total of \$13 million from the Facility, Sustainment, Restoration and Modernization program for the Glen Burnie Readiness Center and Frederick Readiness Center.
- Our department's Facilities Master Plan will be completed in summer of 2024.
- Four properties have been divested or are in the process of divestiture including Greenbelt (Feb 2024), Cascade (Washington), Catonsville (Baltimore County) and Cade (Baltimore City).

Response to concerns:

The Department was asked to respond to the following concerns.

Frederick Readiness Center Renovation and Expansion (Frederick)

- **The Military Department should brief the committees on the factors resulting in the lengthy delay in securing a design contract. The committees should also be briefed on the status of securing federal funds for the project and whether the state funding programmed for fiscal 2026 will be offset by any efforts to secure additional federal funds.**

Design Acquisition delay –

A DGS Fund Certification and Transfer Notification of federal funds was sent to DGS in December 2022 to start the DGS solicitation, bids review and AE fee negotiations process. In December 2023, DGS provided MMD the negotiated AE fee results. It took 1 year from fund certification to finalized AE fee negotiation.

Federal funding -

The Federal O&M project program cannot be changed as it is a 1-year Federal budget appropriation. The construction funding was requested in February 2023 for FY 2024 and approved in August 2023. This was programmed prior to the DGS recommendation of additional funding. The increase to State funding was identified by a DGS cost estimate for the program, identifying an increase in GO bonds. MMD will not be able to reimburse any of these costs with federal funds.

Havre de Grace CSMS Surface Equipment and Automotive Maintenance Facility
(Harford)

- **Since the department's application for federal funding has been denied multiple times, the Military Department should brief the committees on its contingency plan to reimburse the additional funding authorized in fiscal 2024 if federal funds do not materialize in fiscal 2025 or 2026.**

Federal funding for major MILCON projects can be requested each year through the Unfunded Priority List (UPL) submission. MMD priorities must align with planned projects to maximize federal funding sources for our facilities. MMD has submitted the project for an FY25 UPL with anticipated results announced after the President's FY25 budget is approved. MMD will no longer be able to submit the project as a FY26 UPL. Due to construction completion, it will not qualify as a competitive project.

In conclusion, we concur with our DLS analyst PAYGO Recommended Actions and the GO Bond Recommended Actions.

Thank you.