

The Authority is developing a 398-acre site at the intersection of U.S. Route 1 and Maryland Route 175 in Howard County near Jessup for the establishment of the Maryland Food Center Authority. Having a majority of all of the different types of food operations in one location will enable the Center to provide better quality food products to Maryland consumers more efficiently and at less cost. As of June 30, 1980, approximately 1,840,000 square feet of food warehousing space has been completed or is under construction within the Food Center at an estimated cost of \$59 million. Furthermore, the Authority has signed commitments for construction of an additional 288,000 square feet of food warehousing space. Of 330 saleable acres, approximately 182 acres had been sold or leased as of June 30, 1980. It is estimated that by the completion of the project approximately \$100 million will have been invested in food distribution facilities.

Senate Bill 777, enacted by the 1979 General Assembly, gives the Authority the explicit right to construct a Fisherman's Warf type development in Baltimore's Inner Harbor area. The Fisherman's Wharf project will be developed in conjunction with the City of Baltimore and will have as its focal point a new wholesale seafood market. Agreements to lease and deposits of \$1,000 per unit have been obtained for each of the forty-four units to be constructed. Senate Bill 777 also increased the Authority's Revenue Bond authorization from \$6 million to \$25 million and changed the name of the Authority to the Maryland Food Center Authority.

Of the \$25 million Revenue Bond authorization, \$4 had been privately sold as of June 30, 1980. The Equitable Trust Company purchased \$3 million, which was used to partially finance construction of the existing Produce Market and the Maryland Wholesale Produce Market Expansion. The revenue bonds sold are structured in such a manner as not to be a direct encumbrance on Authority revenues.

During Fiscal Year 1981 the Authority will begin grading operations in the Phase III area of the project, which is the only remaining undeveloped portion. In January 1976 the Maryland Wholesale Produce Market began operations. This facility is fully leased and has twenty-four produce merchant tenants who were formerly in the Baltimore metropolitan area. A twenty-nine unit expansion area is scheduled for completion during Fiscal Year 1981, which will add 95,000 square feet of useable food wholesaling space to the facility and bring the total area for the market to 333,300 square feet. All of the new

units have been pre-leased to twelve companies prior to beginning construction, ensuring 100 percent occupancy when the expansion area begins operation. The success of the Maryland Wholesale Produce Market, combined with previous separate land sales to Giant Food Inc., Distribution Centers, Inc., Smelkinson Brothers Corporation, American Foodservices, Albright Wholesale Company, Equitable Trust Company, Truckers Inn, McDonald's Corporation, Keebler Company, and Bob's Transport and Storage Co., Inc., assures the operational and financial success of the Maryland Food Center Authority (Code 1957, Art. 41, secs. 410, 412, 413, 416).

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