

The Commission's five members are appointed to five-year terms by the Governor. One is nominated by the Senate President and one by the Speaker of the House of Delegates. The Commission appoints an executive director, general counsel, and staff counsel (Code State Government Article, secs. 15-202 through 15-203).

**MARYLAND  
FOOD CENTER AUTHORITY**

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**BUDGET (CODE DN00, formerly 23.14.00)**

	FY1994	FY1995	FY1996
Funds	(actual)	(actual)	(approp.)
Total Funds . . .	\$2,125,512 . . .	\$2,198,959 . . .	\$2,437,560
<b>Staff</b>			
Authorized . . . . .	33 . . . . .	33.1 . . . . .	33.7
Contractual (FTE) . . . . .	3 . . . . .	1.0 . . . . .	1.0
Total Staff . . . . .	36 . . . . .	34.1 . . . . .	34.7

**HISTORICAL EVOLUTION**

- Greater Baltimore Consolidated Wholesale Food Market Authority, 1967-75
- Maryland Wholesale Food Center Authority, 1975-79
- Maryland Food Center Authority, 1979—

**MANDATED REPORTS**

- Analysis of any proposed new real estate development project to Legislative Policy Committee for comment & to Department of Fiscal Services.*
- Annual Report to Board of Public Works, Office on Minority Affairs, & Legislative Policy Committee on procurement contracts awarded to certified minority business enterprises due Sept. 30.*
- Annual Statement to Governor & General Assembly.*

**ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE**

**MARYLAND FOOD CENTER AUTHORITY**

John J. Davis, *Chair*, 1996

*Appointed by Governor with Senate advice & consent:* Craig A. Snoops, 1995; T. Allan Stradley, 1995; Gail S. Kaplan, 1996; Austin A. Zimmer, 1997; Raymond E. Nicholas, Sr., 1998; Harry J. Banahan, Sr., 1999; Henry L. Hein, 1999.

*Ex officio:* Louis L. Goldstein, Comptroller of the Treasury; Lewis R. Riley, Secretary of Agriculture; Eugene R. Lynch, Secretary of General Services; Thomas A. Fretz, Ph.D., Director, Cooperative Extension Service, University of Maryland College Park.

**ADVISORY COUNCIL**

*Chair:* Donald J. Darnall, *Executive Director*  
*Appointed by Maryland Agricultural Commission:* Allen Baugher; John Hochmuth; Andrew H. Lohr, Jr.; Edward Quidas; Anthony R. Worm.

*Appointed by Maryland Wholesale Produce Market Tenants:* W. D. Class, Jr.; William D. Class III; Samuel Cucina; Richard Holloway; Thomas Rahll.

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**MARYLAND WHOLESALE FOOD CENTER**

**MARYLAND WHOLESALE PRODUCE MARKET**

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**MARYLAND WHOLESALE SEAFOOD MARKET**

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John P. Travis, *Manager* . . . . . (410) 639-2501

The Maryland Food Center Authority started in 1967 as the Greater Baltimore Consolidated Wholesale Food Market Authority (Chapter 145, Acts of 1967). The Authority was formed to establish and run a consolidated food center within the Greater Baltimore Region. In 1975, the Authority was reorganized as the Maryland Wholesale Food Center Authority (Chapter 729, Acts of 1975). The Authority received its present name in 1979 (Chapter 482, Acts of 1979).

The Authority has twelve members. Eight are named to five-year terms by the Governor with Senate advice and consent. Four serve ex officio (Code 1957, Art. 83A, secs. 6-101 through 6-121).

**ADVISORY COUNCIL**

The Authority's Advisory Council consists of eleven members. Five are appointed by the Maryland Agricultural Commission, and five by produce merchants who are tenants in the Maryland Wholesale Produce Market. The Executive Director of the Authority is the nonvoting chair.

**MARYLAND WHOLESALE FOOD CENTER**

The Authority is developing a 398-acre site for the Maryland Wholesale Food Center. Immediately adjacent to Interstate 95, the Center is located in Howard County near Jessup at the intersection of U.S. Route 1 and Maryland Route 175. Rail-served, the Center is less than 20 minutes from shippers through the Port of Baltimore or BWI Airport.

The Center includes the Maryland Wholesale Produce Market and the Maryland Wholesale Seafood Market. With many different types of food operations at one site, the Center provides quality food products efficiently and inexpensively and employs nearly 4,200 people. By February 1996, approximately 3,611,190