

(h) *Acquisition and disposition of property.*—In the exercise of its powers and the performance of its duties under this article, to acquire, subject to the provisions of this article, and to hold in its own name, lease, convey or otherwise dispose of real and personal property of every kind and description and any right, title, interest, franchise, or privilege therein, within its territorial jurisdiction. **[But]** *Other than airport facilities*, whenever the Authority sells or leases an interest in land to any private entity or entities such land or facilities thereon shall be subject to State and local property taxes from the time of the sale or lease.

(i) *Investigations and surveys.*—To make directly, or through the hiring of expert consultants, investigations and surveys of whatever nature, including studies of traffic volumes, airport rates and charges, airport services, physical surveys of the conditions of structures, and the necessity for additional airport facilities for the development and improvement of air carrier services and general aviation activities and for the more expeditious handling of such services and to make such studies, surveys and estimates as necessary for the execution of its powers under this article.

(j) *Issuance of bonds; combination of projects.*—To issue its revenue bonds as hereinafter provided and to combine **[projects]** *airport facilities* for financing purposes.

(k) *Fixing and collection of charges.*—To fix and revise from time to time and charge and collect rates, fees, rentals or other charges for the use of any airport facility under its control.

(l) *Appearance before government agencies, etc.*—To appear in its own behalf before boards, commissions, departments, or other agencies of the federal government or of any state or international conference and before committees of the Congress of the United States and the General Assembly of Maryland in all matters relating to the design, establishment, construction, extension, operations, improvement, repair, or maintenance of any project operated and maintained by the Authority under this article, and to appear before any federal or state agencies in matters relating to airline schedules, airport services and charges, discriminations, labor relations, trade practices, and all other matters affecting the physical development of and the business interest of the Authority and those it serves.

(m) **[Federal agency]** *Grants[;]* and/or contributions.—To make application for, receive, and accept from any federal, *state, city or other* agency grants for or in aid of the planning, construction, operations, or financing of any airport facility, and to receive and accept contributions from any source of either money, property, labor, or other things of value, to be held, used, and applied for the purposes for which made**[.]**, *under such terms and conditions as the Authority may deem appropriate.*

(n) *Executive Director; General Counsel.*—To appoint an executive director, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Authority, be responsible to it, and receive such salary as may be fixed by the Authority from time to time; he shall be the chief administrative officer of the Authority and the Authority may delegate to him any of its administrative powers and authorizations; he shall be a **[man]** *person* of good character, integrity and *airport or* broad business