

IS AN INDEPENDENT UNIT IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT.

13-708.

In addition to the powers set forth elsewhere in this subtitle, the Authority may:

- (1) Adopt and alter an official seal;
- (2) Sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded;
- (3) Adopt bylaws, rules, and regulations to carry out the provisions of this subtitle, in accordance with the provisions of Title 10, Subtitle 1 of the State Government Article;
- (4) Maintain an office at such place as the Authority may designate[, with the approval of the Secretary of Economic and Community Development and subject to budget appropriations];
- (5) Employ, either as regular employees or independent contractors, consultants, engineers, architects, accountants, attorneys, financial experts, construction experts and personnel, superintendents, managers and other professional personnel, personnel, and agents as may be necessary in the judgment of the Authority, and fix their compensation[, subject to an appropriation in the annual budget of the State];
- (6) ~~Subject to annual appropriations--and~~ to the provisions of § 13-709 of this subtitle, determine the locations of, develop, establish, construct, erect, acquire, own, repair, remodel, add to, extend, improve, equip, operate, regulate, and maintain facilities to the extent necessary to accomplish the purposes of the Authority;
- (7) Subject to the provisions of § 13-711 of this subtitle, acquire, hold, lease, use, encumber, transfer, or dispose of real and personal property;
- (8) Enter into contracts of any kind, and execute all instruments necessary or convenient with respect to its carrying out the powers in this subtitle to accomplish the purposes of the Authority;
- (9) Regulate the use and operation of facilities developed under the provisions of this subtitle;
- (10) Fix and revise from time to time and charge and collect rates, rents, fees, or other charges for the use of facilities or for services rendered in connection with the facilities;