

(1) Convention centers, trade show facilities, meeting halls, or other structures in Baltimore City used for the holding of conventions, trade shows, meetings, displays, or similar events, including without limitation the Baltimore City Convention Center;

(2) Offices, parking lots, garages, access roads, hotels, restaurants, railroad sidings, and any other property, structures, furnishings, or equipment functionally related to the facilities described in paragraph (1) of this subsection; and

(3) Other facilities and properties used or useful or having present capacity for future use as, or in connection with, convention center facilities, including:

(i) Land, buildings, structures, machinery, equipment, and all properties and rights therein and appurtenances thereof, and rights-of-way, franchises, easements, and other interests in land;

(ii) All land and facilities that are functionally related to a convention center facility; and

(iii) All patents, licenses, and other rights necessary or useful in the construction or operation of a convention center facility.

(h) "Convention Center Fund" means the Baltimore Convention Center Financing Fund established under § 13-716 of this subtitle.

(I) "CAMDEN YARDS" MEANS APPROXIMATELY 85 ACRES IN BALTIMORE CITY IN THE AREA BOUNDED BY CAMDEN STREET ON THE NORTH, RUSSELL STREET ON THE WEST, OSTEND STREET ON THE SOUTH, AND HOWARD STREET AND INTERSTATE 395 ON THE EAST.

(J) "CONVENTION CENTER SITE" MEANS THE SITE OF THE EXISTING BALTIMORE CONVENTION CENTER, AT 100 WEST PRATT STREET, AND APPROXIMATELY 2.6 ACRES BOUNDED BY HOWARD STREET ON THE WEST, CONWAY STREET ON THE SOUTH, SHARP STREET ON THE EAST, AND PRATT STREET ON THE NORTH.

(K) "FACILITY" MEANS A SPORTS FACILITY, OTHER FACILITIES DEVELOPED ON CAMDEN YARDS, AND CONVENTION CENTER FACILITIES.

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(a) There is a body corporate and politic known as the Maryland Stadium Authority.

(b) The Authority is an instrumentality of the State and a public corporation by that name, style, and title.

(c) The Authority is an independent unit in the Executive Branch of State government.

(d) The exercise by the Authority of the powers conferred by this subtitle is the performance of an essential public function.