

Resolution No.: 16-474
Introduced: March 4, 2008
Adopted: March 11, 2008

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: County Council at the request of the County Executive

SUBJECT: \$350,000 Maryland Economic Development Assistance Authority And Fund
Loan to assist Hewlett-Packard Company's Relocation to Montgomery County

Background

1. The County Executive endorses a conditional loan of \$350,000 to Hewlett-Packard Company ("Hewlett-Packard") from the State of Maryland under the Maryland Economic Development Assistance Authority And Fund (MEDAAF), which is codified as Section 5-1411 of Article 83A, Annotated Code of Maryland.
2. MEDAAF provides conditional grant/loans to businesses engaged in eligible industries locating to or expanding in a "priority funding area" in the State of Maryland. Proceeds from the grant/loan may be used by the borrower to cover new facility rental/lease payments and/or relocation expenses associated with personnel and/or the physical relocation of the headquarters operation.
3. The County Executive has approved a conditional loan of \$50,000 from the County's Economic Development Fund (EDF) to assist Hewlett-Packard Company's relocation.
4. Hewlett-Packard Company, commonly known as HP, is known worldwide for its printers, personal computers and related services. HP posted \$91.7 billion in annual revenue in 2007, making it the world's largest technology vendor in terms of sales, and is now the number one ranked company in worldwide personal computer shipments.
5. HP is in the process of consolidating and moving its local workforce currently spread throughout Northern Virginia, Prince George County, and Montgomery County to 6600 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda. HP plans to employ at least 675 full-time jobs at the new facility by the end of 2009.
6. Section 5-1411, Article 83A, Annotated Code of Maryland, requires that Montgomery County ("the County") must endorse the granting of a MEDAAF loan for the project.

7. The County has determined that granting the MEDAAF loan for the Project is in the best interest of the citizens of the County.
8. The County Executive requests endorsement of the MEDAAF loan by the County Council.

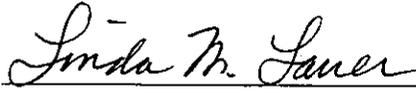
Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland, approves the following resolution:

The County Council fully endorses the granting of a MEDAAF loan for the Project.

This Resolution shall be effective upon its adoption in accordance with applicable law.

This is a correct copy of Council action:



Linda M. Lauer
Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council