**TOPIC:** University of Maryland, Baltimore: Dental Student Clinics Management Contract

**COMMITTEE:** Finance

**DATE OF COMMITTEE MEETING:** March 29, 2012

**SUMMARY:** The University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) requests exercise the first of five one-year renewal options with U.M. FDSP Associates, P.A. for the day to day operations of the student dental clinics at the Dental School at UMB. Daily operations include activities such as providing non-faculty support, scheduling patient visits, collecting fees charged to patients for services provided at the clinic and providing materials for the operations. This contract comes at the direction of the USM Board of Regents specifically for this purpose since the inception of U. M. FDSP, P.A. in 1985. The initial contract was approved by the Board of Regents on April 15, 2011.

The estimated dollar value for the coming contract year that begins June 1, 2012 is $9,004,900. This request for approval is made pursuant to University System of Maryland Procurement Policies and Procedures: Section VII.C.2 for procurements exceeding $5 million.

**ALTERNATIVE(S):** Alternatives have not been explored since FDSP was organized as a tax exempt Maryland Corporation in order to implement a Faculty Dental Service Plan approved by the USM Board of Regents. It is not likely that a for profit commercial entity could perform these required services more economically since FDSP receives no compensation other than transfer of funds from the University to support FDSP's direct costs. The contract will not exceed revenues generated by the operation of the dental clinics.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** This contract provides a positive fiscal impact in that FDSP receives no compensation other than reimbursement for personnel expenses and reasonable out-of-pocket expenses that are documented in periodic statements of income and expense provided to the Dental School.

**CHANCELLOR’S RECOMMENDATION:** That the Finance Committee recommend that the Board of Regents approve this request for contract renewal with U.M. FDSP Associates, P.A. as above described.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** Recommend approval. **DATE:** 3/29/12

**BOARD ACTION:** **DATE:**

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