



**TOPIC:** University of Maryland, Baltimore: Increase in Project Authorization for General Research Building and Research Equipment

**COMMITTEE:** Finance

**DATE OF MEETING:** January 30, 2014

**SUMMARY:** Previously, the Board of Regents approved for the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) a total of \$10.8 million to renovate approximately 19,000 NASF in the General Research Building (former Medical Examiner's Building) and a limited portion of the original Pharmacy Hall South Building to house the BioMET Program so that it could vacate the Institute of Human Virology (IHV) facility. This project allows IHV to expand into the vacated space for additional growth in IHV's basic research program and indirect cost support for both the Institute and the University.

A total of \$1.8 million of additional funding is needed to correct unexpected leaking of the heating and chilled water risers in the General Research Building that had been empty for more than a year during construction. Further, the scope includes funding to purchase research equipment that is being left in the IHV Building including an autoclave, bio-safety cabinets, computer system servers and switches as well as new vibration tables to replace existing tables that are not adequate to function in Pharmacy Hall South because of the flexibility of the structure.

**ALTERNATIVE(S):** If the committee decides not to approve the upgrade to the General Research Building infrastructure and additional funding for research equipment, the University cannot relocate the BioMET Program.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The estimated cost of \$1.8 million would be paid from institutional plant funds. There are no additional annual operating costs anticipated in the facilities.

**CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION:** That the Finance Committee recommend that the Board of Regents approve for the University of Maryland, Baltimore the use of plant funds in the amount of \$1.8 million to complete the renovation of the General Research Building and to purchase research equipment for the purpose of relocating the BioMET Program from the IHV facility.

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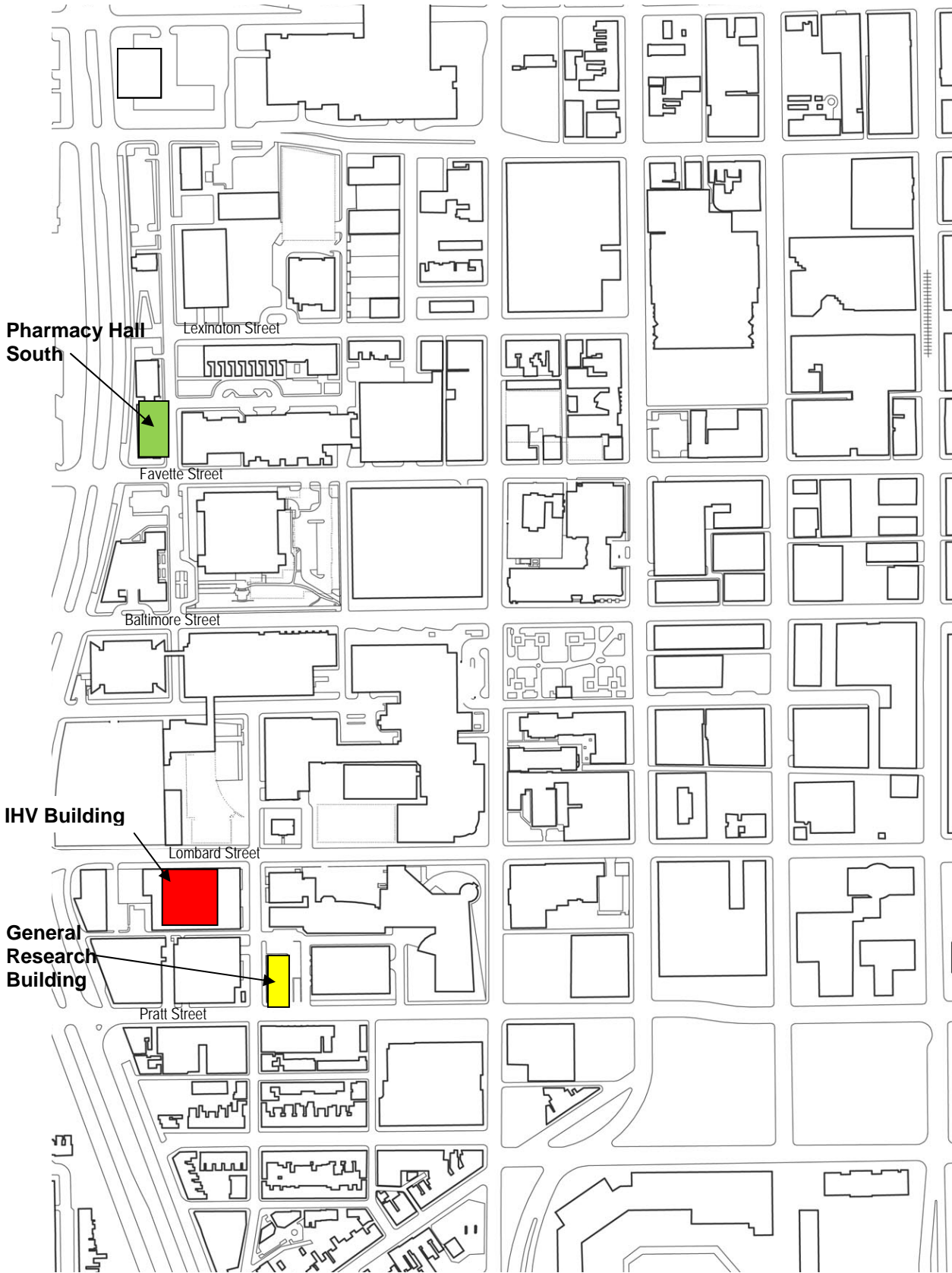
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Relocation of BioMet from the IHV Building