

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2008 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-8-2008
Proposed by The Chairman (by request – County Executive)
Introduced by Council Members Dernoga and Turner
Co-Sponsors _____
Date of Introduction February 19, 2008

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Financial assistance to Comcast of Maryland, Inc. from the Maryland Economic Development
3 Assistance Fund and from Prince George's County, Maryland

4 For the purpose of endorsing a \$500,000 and \$50,000 loan to Comcast of Maryland, Inc.
5 ("Comcast") from the Maryland Economic Development Assistance Fund ("MEDAF") and
6 Prince George's County, Maryland (the "County"), respectively, for costs associated with leasing
7 office space for operation of a service center in the County.

8 WHEREAS, pursuant to Sections 5-1402 through 5-1412 of Article 83A of the Maryland
9 Annotated Code (the "Act"), MEDAF is established within the Maryland Department of
10 Business and Economic Development (the "Department") for the purpose of expanding
11 employment opportunities in Maryland by providing financial assistance to businesses that are
12 engaged in eligible industry sectors; and

13 WHEREAS, Comcast seeks to operate a new advanced service center in Largo, Maryland
14 by leasing approximately 80,000 square feet of office space at 1301 McCormick Drive
15 ("Project") for a term of ten (10) years; and

16 WHEREAS, Comcast estimates that the Project's costs will total at least \$4,000,000
17 comprising costs for tenant improvements, furniture, fixtures, and equipment and Comcast
18 expects to create at least 500 permanent full-time employment positions at the Project site by
19 December 31, 2010; and

20 WHEREAS, on October 3, 2007, the Department and Comcast entered into a proposed
21 letter for a loan of \$500,000 from MEDAF to Comcast (the "MEDAF Loan"); and

22 WHEREAS, the proceeds of the MEDAF Loan will be used to reimburse Comcast for

1 eligible project costs under the MEDAF program, including construction of leasehold
2 improvements and acquisition and installation of furniture, fixtures and equipment; and

3 WHEREAS, the term of the MEDAF Loan is proposed to be from disbursement through
4 March 31, 2014 at an annual rate of three percent (3%) with all principal and accrued interest
5 deferred over the term of the loan; and

6 WHEREAS, in the event that Comcast (i) expends at least \$4,000,000 in eligible project
7 costs at the Project site by December 31, 2009; (ii) employs at least 500 full-time employees at
8 the Project site from December 31, 2010 through December 31, 2013; and (iii) otherwise
9 complies with the obligations of the MEDAF Loan, all outstanding deferred principal and
10 accrued interest is eligible to be forgiven at the end of the term; and

11 WHEREAS, part of the Project costs will be financed by a loan of \$50,000 to Comcast
12 from the County Incentive Leverage Fund, managed by the Prince George's County Economic
13 Development Corporation ("County Loan"); and

14 WHEREAS, the County Loan shows the County's support for the Project by financing a
15 portion of the Project costs equal to at least ten percent (10%) of the MEDAF Loan, as required
16 by Section 5-1405(f)(2)(ii) of the Act; and

17 WHEREAS, Section 5-1405(f)(1) of the Act requires a formal resolution of the governing
18 body of the County endorsing the MEDAF Loan; and

19 WHEREAS, the County Executive endorses the MEDAF Loan and the County Loan.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
21 County, Maryland, that the recitals to this resolution are hereby incorporated herein by reference
22 and deemed a substantive part of this resolution.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MEDAF Loan of \$500,000 and the County Loan of
24 \$50,000 to Comcast, are hereby endorsed by the County Council.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall become effective as of the date of
26 its adoption.

Adopted this 15th day of April , 2008.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Samuel H. Dean
Chairman

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____

BY: _____
Jack B. Johnson
County Executive