

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND
LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2017-01**

RESOLUTION NO. 03-2017

Title of Resolution: Approval - Maryland Economic Development Assistance and Authority Fund Loan - Project Iron.

Synopsis: A Resolution endorsing a Maryland Economic Development Assistance and Authority Fund Loan pursuant to which the Borrower will establish a new 1M plus square feet distribution center and enter into a ten year lease in Principio Business Park in North East, Cecil County, Maryland.

Introduced by: Council President on behalf of the County Executive

Introduced and order posted on: January 3, 2017

Consideration scheduled on: January 17, 2017

By: _____
Council Manager

Notice of time title of Resolution having been posted by _____ at the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton, and consideration by the Council having been scheduled on _____.

By: _____
Council Manager

Explanation: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING ORDINANCE.
~~Strike through~~ indicate matter deleted from existing ordinance.
Underlining indicates language added by amendment.
~~Double Strike through~~ indicates language deleted by amendment.

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1 **WHEREAS**, the Department of Commerce of the State of Maryland (the “Department”) has agreed
2 to conditionally loan to Project Iron LLC (the “Borrower”) up to \$1,200,000 from the Maryland Economic
3 Development Assistance and Authority Fund (“MEDAAF”) (the “MEDAAF Loan”); and

4 **WHEREAS**, the MEDAAF Loan proceeds will be loaned to the Borrower to establish a new 1M plus
5 square feet distribution center, and to enter into a ten year lease in Principio Business Park in North East,
6 Cecil County, Maryland (the “Project”); and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Project plans call for capital investment of \$90M by the Borrower to construct and
8 improve the site, and the Borrower further expects to hire 700 permanent full-time employees at the
9 Project Site by December 31, 2020; and

10 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Maryland Economic Development Assistance Fund Sections 5-301
11 through 5-349 of the Economic Development Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland (the “MEDAAF
12 Statute”), the County Council of Cecil County, Maryland (the “County”) must endorse the making of the
13 MEDAAF Loan for the Project; and

14 **WHEREAS**, as required by the MEDAAF Statute, the County will contribute \$120,000 toward the
15 Project in the form of a conditional loan to the Borrower disbursed over a period not to exceed 10 years
16 under certain terms and conditions to be reduced to writing by and between the State of Maryland
17 Department of Commerce and the Borrower (the “State Loan”), as well as by and between the County
18 and the Borrower (the “County Loan”); and

19 **WHEREAS**, the County has determined and expressly finds that it is in the best interest of the
20 citizens of Cecil County that it endorse the making of the MEDAAF Loan for the Project.

21 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND,**
22 that the County hereby fully endorses the making of the MEDAAF Loan for the Project.

23 **AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND,** that
24 the County hereby approves the County Loan of \$120,000 for the Project, upon terms and conditions to
25 be negotiated by the County Executive;

26 **AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall be effective upon its adoption in
27 accordance with applicable law.

INTRODUCED: January 3, 2017

ADOPTED: _____

President of the Council

ATTEST:

Council Manager