

**MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION  
CAPITAL BUDGET PRIORITIES<sup>1</sup>  
FY 2008**

Each year the Maryland Higher Education Commission approves a set of priorities to guide in the evaluation of capital budget requests. All capital projects are placed into one of the priority categories. The Capital Budget Priority Categories provide the basic framework for evaluating and recommending projects. Under the priorities, projects are ranked first by the priority category and further by types of facilities.

<b>Project Priority Categories</b> ▼	Types of Facilities				
	Academic Facilities	Research Facilities	Support Facilities <sup>2</sup>	Regional Higher Education Centers	Continuing Education Facilities
I) Life Safety	Facilities that support the instructional programs essential to the approved role and mission of the institution.	Research facilities consistent with the approved role and mission of the institution.	Administration, physical plant space, and other support services.	Facilities that include participation by more than one institution and offer an array of programs at multiple degree levels.	Facilities that address workforce training needs or offer programs that lead to certification in a workforce skill.
II) Legal Mandates					
III) Project Completions					
IV) Renovation or Renewal of Existing Projects					
V) Improvements to Utility & Basic Support Services					
VI) New Construction					
VII) Site Improvements					
VIII) Land Acquisition					

Note(s):

<sup>1</sup> Maryland's colleges and universities are also required to provide information on the impact of a proposed project on institutional capacity.

<sup>2</sup>To the extent possible, institutions are encouraged to seek non-public financing for revenue-generating facilities such as student housing, parking, bookstores, athletic facilities, and dining services.