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### Public-Private Partnerships

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### Public-Private Partnerships (P3)

- Capital constraints combined with short and long-term capital needs led University to explore P3s.
- P3 subcommittee of the UMass Building Authority formed in Fall of 2012 to review and investigate potential use of P3s for construction of capital facilities that have been approved by the Board of Trustees of UMASS.
- This is a University wide initiative. All of the campuses have been engaged in the Committee meetings.

### UMass Lowell – Riverview Suites

Phase I – Fall 2013 500 Apartment Style-Beds Fitness Center Phase II – Fall 2015 300 suite-style beds 10 classrooms & Health Sciences Suite

Original 10 Year Lease extended to 20 after successful completion of Phase II.

SOHO Development LLC responsible for design, construction, alterations, repair and maintenance.



## Residential Hall (UMass Boston)

- The P3 project that is farthest along is the planned development of first ever on-campus housing at UMass Boston.
- A 1,000 beds residence hall at UMass Boston a parcel of land on the UMass Boston campus, off Mt. Vernon Street, near the Harbor Point and Peninsula Apartments that are privately owned and where many UMass Boston students currently live.
- The housing is expected to be available for UMass Boston freshman and transfer students by the fall of 2018 (shovels in the ground by fall of 2016).



• Estimated \$120 million project.

### **UMass Boston P3 Process**

- RFQ issued on December 8, 2014
- Goals: Feasibility of P3 Approach and select best "partner"
- RFP was issued on March 9, 2015 to seven respondents to RFQ that were qualified
- Review of information submitted by respondents yielded two approaches:

(1) the creation of a non-profit entity to issue debt to construct the building and then operate the building

(2) a transaction where the developer financed the building with their own equity and privately operated the building as a for profit entity

• Next steps were to prepare information for review by University auditor and credit rating agencies to determine whether transaction would be "off balance sheet" and to determine what, if any, credit impact.

### Public-Private-Partnership (P3) Project Delivery

- The potential P3 allows UMass Boston to provide residence halls for its students without having to consolidate the debt of the 501(c)(3) entity onto its balance sheet.
- Other benefits of the P3 for the University include having experienced professionals with a track record of developing and managing on-campus housing as partners, and the transfer of the risk associated with the project from the University to the developer.

### Public-Private-Partnership (P3) Project Delivery

- While UMass will enter into a P3 with the real estate developer, the University and developer will jointly create a 501(c)(3), a nonprofit whose mission will be to provide affordable housing to the UMass Boston community.
- The nonprofit will work in tandem with the developer and its management arm to construct and operate the residence hall.
- The 501(c)(3) will finance the project through its own borrowing and will then pay the developer to build the student housing. The nonprofit will also collect the rent payments. The developer will work closely with both the University and the nonprofit.
- Room Rates will be established by the 501C (3) board and will take into consideration that rates will need to cover operating expenses as well as debt service costs and coverage ratio (1.2 coverage).

#### Underwriter

Prepares plan of finance

Secures Bond credit rating

Purchases Bonds from Issuer and places Bonds with investors

#### University of Massachusetts Building Authority ("UMBA")

Executes Long Term Ground Lease with Project Owner

Participates on Project Advisory Board

Receives project improvements upon termination of Ground Lease

#### University of Massachusetts - Boston ("UMASS")

Executes Cooperation and Support Agreement

Participates on Project Advisory Board

#### MassDevelopment: Issuer

Issues non-recourse Project revenue Bonds on behalf of non-profit.

Loans Bond proceeds to Project Owner

#### Non-Profit (501c3)

Executes Ground Lease with UMBA

Developer

Coordinates

Project

Provides

transaction and

financing structure

Guarantees cost &

Performance and

delivery date of Project

Contracts with general contractor to build

payment bond through

the general contractor

project/construction

administrative services

management and

construction draw

Coordinates design, development and

construction of Project

Owns Project Improvements

Executes Cooperation and Support Agreement with UMASS

Contracts with Underwriter to underwrite the Bonds

Contracts with Developer to coordinate development of Project

Contracts with Property Manager to manage Project operations

Transfers Project improvements to UMBA upon termination of Ground Lease.

#### **Bond Trustee**

Receives Bond Proceeds

Disburses Bond Proceeds for payment of Project development costs

Receives Project revenues

Remits principal and interest payments to Bondholders

#### **Property Manager**

Serves as Project Manager

Collects Project Revenues

Pays Project Operating Expenses.

Leases beds to students

#### Reserve Fund

Building Maintenance

Student Scholarship Funds