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SMITH ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR NEW LEGAL RESOURCE CENTER AT UMBC

Towson, Maryland (August 24, 2006) Baltimore County Executive Jim Smith joined UMBC President Freeman A. Hrabowski and Professor Frederick A. Provorny of the University of Maryland School of Law today to announce County funding for a new Legal Resource Center at the University of Maryland Baltimore County. A total of \$75,000 in Baltimore County funding will go to the techcenter@UMBC, the university's technology incubator, to support the new Legal Resource Center as well as Entrepreneur- and CFO-in-Residence programs.

"We are particularly pleased that the services of the Legal Resource Center are available not only to tech center companies, but to any business in Baltimore County. This program puts the skills of bright young legal students to work for all of us," stated Baltimore County Executive Jim Smith.

The Legal Resource Center is the only law school program of its kind in the United States that is situated in technology facilities.

"UMBC is an active partner with Baltimore County in building a well-educated workforce, linking university researchers with entrepreneurial businesses, and investing in Baltimore County's economic future," added UMBC President Dr. Freeman A. Hrabowski.

The Legal Resource Center's scope of work includes business entity formation, contract review and drafting, shareholder and LLC operating agreements, confidentiality agreements, legal audits, and intellectual property issues including patents, licensing and technology transfer.

"By interacting with technology entrepreneurs, law students develop sensitivity to and expertise in dealing with the unique challenges their clients face and help convert these challenges to opportunities," stated Professor Frederick A. Provorny, Visiting Professor of Law and Director of the Maryland Intellectual Property Legal Resource Center.

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