



Ohio Revised Code

Section 351.01 Convention facilities authority definitions.

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As used in this chapter:

(A) "Convention facilities authority" means a body corporate and politic created pursuant to section 351.02 of the Revised Code.

(B) "Governmental agency" means a department, division, or other unit of the state government or of a municipal corporation, county, township, or other political subdivision of the state; any state university or college, as defined in section 3345.12 of the Revised Code, community college, state community college, university branch, or technical college; any other public corporation or agency having the power to acquire, construct, or operate facilities; the United States or any agency thereof; and any agency, commission, or authority established pursuant to an interstate compact or agreement.

(C) "Person" means any individual, firm, partnership, association, or corporation, or any combination of them.

(D) "Facility" or "facilities" means any convention, entertainment, or sports facility, or combination of them, located within the territory of the convention facilities authority, together with all hotels, parking facilities, walkways, and other auxiliary facilities, real and personal property, property rights, easements and interests that may be appropriate for, or used in connection with, the operation of the facility.

(E) "Cost" means the cost of acquisition of all land, rights-of-way, property rights, easements, franchise rights, and interests required for such acquisition; the cost of demolishing or removing any buildings or structures on land so acquired, including the cost of acquiring any lands to which such buildings or structures may be moved; the cost of acquiring or constructing and equipping a principal office of the convention facilities authority; the cost of diverting highways, interchange of highways, access roads to private property, including the cost of land or easements for such access roads; the



cost of public utility and common carrier relocation or duplication; the cost of all machinery, furnishings, and equipment; financing charges; interest prior to and during construction and for no more than eighteen months after completion of construction; expenses of research and development with respect to facilities; legal expenses; expenses of obtaining plans, specifications, engineering surveys, studies, and estimates of cost and revenues; working capital; expenses necessary or incident to determining the feasibility or practicability of acquiring or constructing such facility; administrative expense; and such other expenses as may be necessary or incident to the acquisition or construction of the facility, the financing of such acquisition or construction, including the amount authorized in the resolution of the convention facilities authority providing for the issuance of convention facilities authority revenue bonds to be paid into any special funds from the proceeds of such bonds, the cost of issuing the bonds, and the financing of the placing of such facility in operation. Any obligation, cost, or expense incurred by any governmental agency or person for surveys, borings, preparation of plans and specifications, and other engineering services, or any other cost described above, in connection with the acquisition or construction of a facility may be regarded as part of the cost of such facility and may be reimbursed out of the proceeds of convention facilities authority revenue bonds as authorized by this chapter.

(F) "Owner" includes a person having any title or interest in any property, rights, easements, or interests authorized to be acquired by Chapter 351. of the Revised Code.

(G) "Revenues" means all rentals and other charges received by the convention facilities authority for the use or services of any facility, the sale of any merchandise, or the operation of any concessions; any gift or grant received with respect to any facility, any moneys received with respect to the lease, sublease, sale, including installment sale or conditional sale, or other disposition of a facility or part thereof; moneys received in repayment of and for interest on any loans made by the authority to a person or governmental agency, whether from the United States or any department, administration, or agency thereof, or otherwise; proceeds of convention facilities authority revenue bonds to the extent the use thereof for payment of principal or of premium, if any, or interest on the bonds is authorized by the authority; proceeds from any insurance, appropriation, or guaranty pertaining to a facility or property mortgaged to secure bonds or pertaining to the financing of the facility; income and profit from the investment of the proceeds of convention facilities authority revenue bonds or of any revenues; contributions of the proceeds of a tax levied pursuant to division (C) of section 5739.09 of the Revised Code; and moneys transmitted to the authority pursuant to



division (B) of section 5739.211 and division (B) of section 5741.031 of the Revised Code.

(H) "Public roads" includes all public highways, roads, and streets in the state, whether maintained by the state, county, city, township, or other political subdivision.

(I) "Construction," unless the context indicates a different meaning or intent, includes, but is not limited to, reconstruction, enlargement, improvement, or providing fixtures, furnishings, and equipment.

(J) "Convention facilities authority revenue bonds" or "revenue bonds," unless the context indicates a different meaning or intent, includes convention facilities authority revenue notes, convention facilities authority revenue renewal notes, and convention facilities authority revenue refunding bonds.

(K) "Convention facilities authority tax anticipation bonds" or "tax anticipation bonds," unless the context indicates a different meaning, includes convention facilities authority tax anticipation bonds, tax anticipation notes, tax anticipation renewal notes, and tax anticipation refunding bonds.

(L) "Bonds and notes" means convention facilities authority revenue bonds and convention facilities authority tax anticipation bonds.

(M) "Territory of the authority" means all of the area of the county creating the convention facilities authority.

(N) "Excise taxes" means any of the taxes levied pursuant to division (B) or (C) of section 351.021 of the Revised Code. "Excise taxes" does not include taxes levied pursuant to section 4301.424, 5743.026, or 5743.324 of the Revised Code.

(O) "Transaction" means the charge by a hotel for each occupancy by transient guests of a room or suite of rooms used in a hotel as a single unit for any period of twenty-four hours or less.

(P) "Hotel" and "transient guests" have the same meanings as in section 5739.01 of the Revised Code.



(Q) "Sports facility" means a facility intended to house major league professional athletic teams.

(R) "Constructing" or "construction" includes providing fixtures, furnishings, and equipment.