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The state received six proposals to build slot machine parlors across the state today, including one from the Cordish Co. calling for 4,750 machines at Arundel Mills Mall.

Developers plan to build at least 10,550 slot machines at five locations around Maryland, said Donald C. Fry, CEO of the Greater Baltimore Committee and chairman of the panel responsible for reviewing the bids. State law authorizes a maximum of 15,000 machines.

Each of five locations allowed by state law received bids — in Baltimore City, Anne Arundel County, Cecil County, Allegany County and Worcester County. Thus, one location received two bids; Fry would not say which location that was.

Dozens of boxes were wheeled into the Department of Legislative Services building in Annapolis by 2 p.m. Maryland Lottery Commission staff began poring through the documents. Once it learns more details, the panel will announce further details at a 3 p.m. meeting Tuesday, Fry said.

PPE Casino Resorts Maryland LLC, a subsidiary of Baltimore's Cordish Co., issued a statement Tuesday afternoon that it had submitted an application "to develop a world-class, destination casino with 4,750 video lottery terminals at Arundel Mills Mall."

"The Arundel Mills site, a leading tourist attraction in the state and one of the premiere attractions in the country, is the ideal location for the Anne Arundel County facility, and one of the premier locations in the United States for a casino/entertainment project," the company said in a statement. Beyond its optimal location, strong consumer awareness, and ideal vehicular access, Arundel Mills offers unbeatable retail and entertainment amenities to complement a premiere gaming facility."

Last month, Hard Rock International and **Banks Contracting Co.** Inc. unveiled plans to go after a gaming license in Baltimore or Anne Arundel. The Maryland Jockey Club, owner of Laurel Park, has also said it planned on submitting a bid to build a parlor.

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**Highlights: Banks Contracting Co**