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# BROOKE'S BPW BRIEF



*Breaking down the Board of Public Works*

## Meeting Date

April 19, 2023

## THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES



The BPW approved a request from the Department of General Services to award contracts to Eagle Protection Agency, LLC (Silver Spring), Trust Consulting Services, Inc. (Washington, DC), and Watkins Security Agency, Inc. (Baltimore), respectively, to provide armed and unarmed uniformed guard services statewide. This contract consolidates guard services across over 60 different existing contracts. At the meeting, DGS committed to researching the feasibility of in sourcing these guard services, which have been contracted out for more than 20 years.

Each of these companies is a certified small business enterprise, and one is also a certified minority business enterprise (MBE). The MBE goals are 15% and 16%.

## PROGRAM OPEN SPACE



The BPW approved a request from the Department of Natural Resources to commit \$1,300,000 in Program Open Space State Share funding for acquisition of **513 acres of forested property in Dorchester County as an addition to Chesapeake Forest Lands. Chesapeake Forest Lands** includes 58,000 acres across five counties on the Eastern Shore (14,000 of which are in Dorchester). About half of the land is open to public hunting, while the other half is under a leased hunting program.

## Summary Figures

The BPW approved 94 items, representing a total State expenditure of \$240 million, including:

- 5 items awarding approx. \$48.8m to prime certified small businesses
- 5 items awarding approx. \$48.9m to prime minority business enterprises (MBEs)
- 3 items awarding approx. \$4.2m to Employment Works Program providers
- 6 of the items awarded had established participation goals for minority business enterprises, and 1 item had established participation goals for veteran-owned small business enterprises (VSBES)

## FREDERICK CO. CRISIS STABILIZATION CENTER



The BPW approved \$1,000,000 in capital grant funding to **Frederick County in support of their Crisis Stabilization Center.** The Crisis Stabilization Center will fulfill Frederick County's collective vision of a **continuum of care infrastructure for those experiencing mental health and substance use disorder in the community.** This project will provide responsive and appropriate care that will save lives and result in better outcomes for the individuals served, efficiencies in care giving, and benefits to service partners and, ultimately, the community as a whole.