



BROOKE'S BPW BRIEF

Breaking down the Board of Public Works

Meeting Date

May 3, 2023

STATEWIDE FUEL SUPPLY AND MAINTENANCE

The BPW approved recommendations from the Board's Procurement Advisor to direct the Dept. of General Services (DGS) to initiate and conduct a new procurement for Statewide Fuel Supply and Maintenance Services. According to DGS, the new procurement will **unbundle the statewide contract into separate, regional contracts** that create more opportunities for small businesses and minority business enterprises to compete.

As part of this agenda item, the Board approved proposed **changes to Minority Business Enterprise regulations**, which make it explicitly clear that:

- Subcontract agreements (including pricing and proposed work) between MBE and primes must be established prior to awarding the contract.
- The Agencies must review these agreements prior to awarding a state contract.

JUVENILE SERVICES

The BPW approved a request from the Dept. of Juvenile Services to award Youth Opportunity Investments, LLC (based in Carmel, IN) a \$6m contract

to provide residential treatment services for youth ordered by the Juvenile Court in Maryland. Services include foster care, group homes, therapeutic group homes, shelter homes, residential treatment centers, residential educational programs or schools, independent living programs, home based supervision treatment, and therapy.

Summary Figures

The BPW approved 82 items, representing a total State expenditure of \$140,223,571, including:

- 7 items awarding \$6.4m to prime certified small businesses
- 3 items awarding \$6.8m to prime minority business enterprises
- 1 item awarding \$212,821 to Employment Works Program providers
- 2 items with established participation goals for minority business enterprises
- Grant agreements for 14 recipients located in 8 counties, with a total value of \$20.6m

SECURITY SQUARE

The BPW approved \$10m in capital grant funding to Baltimore County for **community-driven revitalization of the commercial area surrounding Security Square Mall**. The County is contributing \$15m to the project via their capital budget. The target area includes a 90-acre shopping center in Woodlawn, highly accessible via both I-695 and I-70. The area is experiencing diminished vibrancy, evidenced by a 20% vacancy rate. The large surface parking no longer serves community needs or planning for multimodal transit. The Reimagine Security Square Initiative involves robust community engagement, including a charette process, as it strives to reinvigorate the area as an economic and community anchor.