



BROOKE'S BPW BRIEF



Breaking down the Board of Public Works

Meeting Date

January 8, 2025

KEY BRIDGE ENGINEERING CONSULTANT AWARD

The BPW approved a request from the Maryland Transportation Authority to award Bridging Maryland Partnership (Baltimore, MD) a contract to provide **planning, engineering, construction management, and program support** services for the reconstruction of the Francis Scott Key Bridge.

The 5-year contract was awarded at a not-to-exceed cost of \$75 million. The recommended awardee, the Bridging Maryland Partnership, is a joint venture comprised of WSP USA, Inc.; Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc.; and Rummel, Klepper & Kahl, LLP.

CHILD CARE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CONTRACT EXTENSION

The Board approved a request from the Department of Education to extend, by 20 days, a task order with Deloitte Consulting, LLP (Baltimore, MD) to **administer the Child Care Scholarship (CCS) Program**. The CCS helps eligible families in Maryland pay for high-quality child care and early education programs. The purpose of the contract extension is to ensure continuity of CCS case management and payment processing functions through the scholarship application portal.

The Comptroller's Office recently [released a report](#) that explores challenges (declines in child care providers and workers; rising costs) and opportunities (subsidies like the CCS, and technical assistance) in Maryland's licensed child care industry, and how ongoing investments in child care can help boost the State's labor force and economy.

Summary Figures

The BPW approved 70 items, representing a total State expenditure of \$1.2 billion, including:

- 7 items awarding \$167 million to prime certified small businesses.
- 6 items awarding \$175.6 million to certified Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) primes.
- 11 items awarded with established participation goals for MBEs.
- 4 items awarded with a goal for Veteran-owned Small Businesses.
- 2 items awarding \$682,353 to Employment Works providers.

AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE PRESERVATION PROGRAM AWARDS

The Board approved a request from the Department of Planning to grant \$5 million in general obligation bond proceeds for **31 projects** through the **African American Heritage Preservation Program (AAHPP)**.

The AAHPP identifies and preserves buildings, communities, and sites of historical and cultural importance to the African American experience in Maryland. Notable projects approved during today's meeting include:

- \$106,000 for the Frederick Douglass Summer House (Anne Arundel Co.)
- \$242,000 for the Coulbourne and Jewett House at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum (Talbot Co.)
- \$250,000 for the Freetown Education, Research, and Cultural Museum (Worcester Co.)
- \$243,000 for the Harlem Theatre (Baltimore City)