



# BROOKE'S BPW BRIEF

✓ *Breaking down the Board of Public Works*

**Meeting Date**  
August 2, 2023

## PORT OF BALTIMORE MARINE TERMINALS



The BPW approved a request from the Maryland Port Administration to award **Ballard Marine Construction, LLC (Washougal, WA)** a contract to maintain, repair, and construct waterfront structures throughout MPA's four marine terminals. Work to be performed under the **three-year, \$20 million contract** includes: repairs to all substructure elements, all deck and under-deck elements, limited dredging, and waterside paving of bulkheads. In 2022, the **Port of Baltimore handled a record 43.3 million tons of international cargo, valued at \$74.3 billion.**

## AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION



The BPW approved a request from Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) to **acquire agricultural preservation easements on 14 properties, located in 8 counties, at a total cost of \$8 million.** MALPF works to preserve prime farmland and woodland for the production of food and fiber and to protect wildlife and the environment, serve as open space for public use, and curb the expansion of random development. The Comptroller serves as one of the thirteen members of MALPF's Board of Trustees.

## Summary Figures

The BPW approved 66 items, representing a total State expenditure of \$204 million including:

- 5 items awarding \$1.4 million to prime certified small businesses
- 3 items awarding \$911,427 to prime minority business enterprises
- 4 items awarded with established participation goals for minority business enterprises
- 1 item awarded with established participation goals for veteran-owned small business enterprises
- 9 grant agreements awarding \$11.7 million for projects located in 6 counties and Baltimore City

## RULE OF 100



The BPW approved requests from the Office of the Attorney General and Public Service Commission to create a total of five positions. The Operating Budget authorizes the Board of Public Works to create no more than 100 positions in excess of the total number of authorized State positions for a given Fiscal Year, within the Executive Branch – commonly referred to as the **"Rule of 100."** For FY24 to-date, the BPW has created a total of 11 positions.

## ELECTRIC BUSES



The BPW approved a contract modification request from the Maryland Aviation Administration for **training on the operation and maintenance** of eight 40-Foot Battery-**Electric buses recently purchased for BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport.** The same vendor from which the state purchased the buses - New Flyer of America, Inc (Crookston, MN) - will be providing the training, valued at \$177,539.