



BROOKE'S BPW BRIEF



Breaking down the Board of Public Works

Meeting Date

December 4, 2024

MTA ROLLING STOCK SUPPORT

The BPW approved a request from the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) to award AECOM Technical Services (Chicago, IL) and Omni Strategy, LLC (Baltimore, MD) - a dually certified disadvantaged and small business enterprise - 2 of 5 contracts to provide rolling stock and associated equipment services. The contractors will support MTA in **procuring locomotives, buses, paratransit, and rail passenger vehicles** for various service routes. The 5-year contracts were awarded at a not-to-exceed cost of \$29 million.

The disadvantaged business enterprise (DBE) goal established for these contracts is 28%, however, Omni has committed to 87.5%, exceeding the goal by nearly 60%.

UMB SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

The Board approved a request from the University of Maryland, Baltimore to award The Whiting-Turner Contracting Company (Baltimore, MD) the first of 2 bid packages to construct its **new School of Social Work building**. The bid package was awarded at a cost of \$26.7 million. The project is anticipated to achieve LEED Platinum certification, the highest level from the U.S. Green Building Council. It will be **the first net-zero emission building** for the entire University System of Maryland.

Last month, Comptroller Lierman attended the groundbreaking of the 6-story, 127,000 sq. foot building, which is anticipated to cost \$120 million in total and is expected to open in Summer 2027.

Summary Figures

The BPW approved 62 items, representing a total State expenditure of \$301.9 million, including:

- 7 items awarding \$20 million to prime certified small businesses.
- 5 items awarding \$18.5 million to certified Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) primes.
- 6 items awarded with established participation goals for MBEs.
- 2 items awarded with a goal for Veteran-owned Small Businesses.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT PMO SERVICES

The Board approved an award to Guidehouse, Inc. (McLean, VA) to provide Program Management Office (PMO) support services for the 21st Century Financial Systems Enterprise project. This project is a team effort led by the Comptroller, State Treasurer, and Secretaries of the Departments of Budget & Management, General Services, and Information Technology to implement one centralized Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system to be used by all state agencies, which will **replace the current Financial Management Information System** - the official accounting system of record for the State. The Comptroller of Maryland acts as the accountant for the state. Once implemented, this new system will provide increased transparency for all vendors and contractors, as well as state agencies.

The 4-year contract was awarded at a cost of \$72.7 million with a 29% MBE goal. This contract marks the first major step as the Comptroller's Office prepares to modernize and transform Maryland's financial systems. Maryland is one of the very last states to modernize its ERP.