



News Release

Comptroller Lierman Issues Statement Clarifying IT Contract Board of Public Works Vote

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (August 28, 2025) — Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman today issued a statement clarifying her comments during Wednesday's Board of Public Works regarding a \$300 million contract for digital services and agile development support. Comptroller Lierman voted against the approval of the contract:

On Wednesday, I voted against an IT services contract (the ADEPT Contract, DGS 46-IT). My opposition was based on three factors: (1) the issuance of the contract to a large number of out-of-state vendors and the withdrawal of the economic benefit factors clause from the RFP; (2) the construction of the contracting vehicle as a round-robin work order model, rather than one with secondary competition that would allow for more transparency, more autonomy for agencies, and the assurance of best value; and (3) the unknown effect that the IT Services tax will have on the cost-structure of the services being provided and on the companies who were awarded the contract.

As Maryland's revenue administrator, I do not opine on the merits of tax policy. My agency is focused on tax implementation and educating individuals and businesses about policy changes and their obligations. When I am reviewing contracts in my role as a member of the Board of Public Works, I am squarely focused on ensuring that we are achieving best value for our tax dollars, and my comments Wednesday reflected that commitment.

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