



BROOKE'S BPW BRIEF



Breaking down the Board of Public Works

Meeting Date

May 7, 2025

Summary Figures

The BPW approved 99 items, representing a total State expenditure of \$637.8 million, including:

- 9 items awarding \$609.8 million to prime certified small businesses.
- 7 items awarding \$159.2 million to certified Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) primes.
- 11 items awarded with established participation goals for MBEs.
- 5 items awarded with a goal for Veteran-owned small businesses.
- 3 items awarding \$5.4 million to Employment Works Providers

PIMLICO RACING FACILITY REDEVELOPMENT

The Board approved a request from the Maryland Stadium Authority to award Clark Construction Group, LLC (Baltimore, MD) a guaranteed maximum price (GMP) contract for the redevelopment of the Pimlico Racing Facility in Baltimore. The GMP contract was approved at a cost of \$14.3 million. It is the first GMP in a series that will come before the BPW.

Following this year's running of the Preakness Stakes, Pimlico will undergo extensive redevelopment, estimated to be completed by Preakness 152 in 2027.

FEDERAL WORKER EMERGENCY LOAN PROGRAM

The Board accepted a report from the Department of Labor of an emergency procurement contract award to Submittable Holdings, Inc. (Missoula, MT) to administer the Federal Government Employee Assistance Fund and extend loan eligibility to terminated federal workers. The one-year contract was awarded at a cost of \$734,407.

In 2025, the General Assembly passed the Protect Our Federal Workers Act, a piece of emergency legislation which aims to provide needed financial assistance to federal workers who are residents of Maryland that have been terminated due to the Trump Administration's mass layoffs, closures, relocations, or similar circumstances beyond their control.

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 second bid package to construct the new School of Social Work building. The bid package was awarded at a cost of \$49.8 million.

The project, which is on track to achieve LEED Platinum certification, will incorporate a number of sustainability features in accordance with the Maryland High Performance Building Standards, and will reduce the building's annual energy usage by 65%!

Notable features include: a high-performance building envelope that lowers heating & cooling loads by 12% and 4%, respectively; solar arrays that will produce 15% of the building's energy usage; and bike lockers with showers for commuters.