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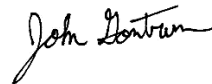
William Morgante, PWS
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Dear Chairs Pinsky and Peña-Melnyk,

Pursuant to Section 14-703(f) of the State Finance and Procurement Article, the Board of Public Works is submitting the following report authored by the Department of Agriculture on waivers requested and granted under the Certified Local Farm and Fish Program.

In Fiscal Year 2023, no waiver requests were made to the Department of Agriculture under the Certified Local Farm and Fish Program.

Sincere Regards,



John Gontrum
Executive Secretary

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**Certified Local Farm and Fish Program (CLFFP)
Waiver Report for FY 2023
July 31, 2023**

State agencies have an overall goal of purchasing 20 percent of their food from certified local farm enterprises per Agriculture Article, §2-103; State Finance and Procurement Article, §§14-701-14-707, Annotated Code of Maryland. State agencies needed to request a waiver by July 15, 2023 for FY 2023.

The Maryland Department of Agriculture has identified the following state agencies which purchase food: Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, Maryland Department of Health, Maryland Department of Juvenile Services, Maryland Department of Veteran Affairs, Maryland Correctional Enterprises, and 10 out of the 14 universities in the University System of Maryland.

No State Agency or Universities have requested waivers from the Certified Local Farm and Fish Program for FY 2023.

We found that if a state agency or university had signed a food service contract before the law went into effect on March 14, 2021, the state agency does not need to request a waiver or submit a report until the contract ends or renewed. Below is a list of universities that have food service contracts signed before March 14, 2021:

University	Prime Food Service Contractors	Contract Start	Contract Finish
Morgan State University	SodexoMAGIC	Fall 2020	Fall 2025
Bowie State University	Aladdin Food Management Services	July 1, 2019	June 30, 2029
University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC)	Chartwells	July 1, 2018	June 30, 2033
St. Mary's College of Maryland	Bon Appetit	July 1, 2020	June 30, 2027
Coppin State University	Thompson Hospitality	Before March 14, 2021	July 31, 2030

Effective July 1, 2023, the Certified Local Farm Enterprise Program name was changed to the Certified Local Farm and Fish Program per 2023 Chapter 576. The change allows state agencies and universities to count the procurement of Blue Catfish and Northern Snakehead, an invasive fish species in the Chesapeake Bay, towards the 20 percent goal.