



**DEPARTMENT OF
GENERAL SERVICES**

Wes Moore, Governor · Aruna Miller, Lt. Governor · Atif Chaudhry, Secretary

July 31, 2023

The Honorable Wes Moore
Governor of Maryland

The Honorable Bill Ferguson
President of the Senate

The Honorable Adrienne A. Jones
Speaker of the House

Reference: 2023 DGS Capital Grants Minority Business Enterprise Waiver Report
State Finance and Procurement Article § 3-610

Dear Governor Moore, President Ferguson and Speaker Jones:

State Finance and Procurement Article § 3-610 requires the Governor's Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs (GOSBA) to review certain State capital grant projects for subcontracting opportunities under the State's Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) program, and, if practicable, establish MBE subgoals for the projects. The Department of General Services (DGS) is to report to you by July 31 of each year on:

- the number of waivers granted for the prior fiscal year;
- a partial or full waiver;
- a description of the project; and
- a justification for the waiver.

Subsequently, House Bill 809, Chapter 137 Laws of 2023:

- extended the termination date for the MBE program;
- extended the due date for the related disparity study;
- made corresponding adjustments to the termination and due dates for MBE contracting requirements and related disparity analyses.

The Department of General Services looks forward to providing the reporting as required in State Finance and Procurement Article § 3-610 upon completion of the MBE disparity study.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Atif Chaudhry", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Atif Chaudhry,
Secretary

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