

CAPITAL PROJECTS MBE WAIVER REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2025

State Finance & Procurement Article § 3-610(e)

Department of General Services

December 3, 2025

The Honorable Wes Moore
Governor
State House
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The Honorable Bill Ferguson
President of the Senate
H-101 State House
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The Honorable Adrienne A. Jones
Speaker of the House
H-107 State House
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Re: State Finance & Procurement Article § 3-610(e)

Dear Honorable Governor Moore, President Ferguson, and Speaker Jones:

The Department of General Services (DGS) is submitting this report in accordance with applicable Maryland law.

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 (MSBE) 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 minority business enterprise waivers granted for capital projects that meet the conditions of §3–610 (b) of the State Finance and Procurement Article as a capital project that receives at least \$3,000,000 in State funds in a single fiscal year and is funded in the annual State capital budget as: (1) a miscellaneous grant program; (2) a local House of Delegates initiative; or (3) a local Senate initiative.
- As stipulated in the law, pursuant to §3–610 (e) the report includes: (i) a description of the capital project; (ii) whether the waiver was a partial or full waiver; and (iii) the justification for the waiver.

Subsequently, House Bill 991/Senate Bill 829, Chapter 620/621, Laws of 2025:

- 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.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this information. Please feel free to contact Wallace Sermons, Chief Procurement Officer, DGS Office of State Procurement, wallace.sermons@maryland.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Atif Chaudhry', with a stylized, cursive script.

Atif Chaudhry
Secretary

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