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Coach Allison Releases New Book to Inspire Baltimore Youth

By Stacy M. Brown

Famous boxing coach Mack Allison, III has never considered abandoning his Baltimore roots to find greener pastures elsewhere.

Known as “Coach Mack” to the hundreds of young ones he has trained at his Time2Grind boxing gym in West Baltimore, Allison had dedicated his life to helping the city’s youth.

He hopes that his new book, “Coach Mack’s Professional Training Guide – Boxing,” will offer even more assistance as students, parents, and just about everyone else attempt to survive the coronavirus pandemic.

“I’m still trying to help young people out because so many are making bad decisions when it comes to managing their money and dealing with boxing promoters,” Allison stated.

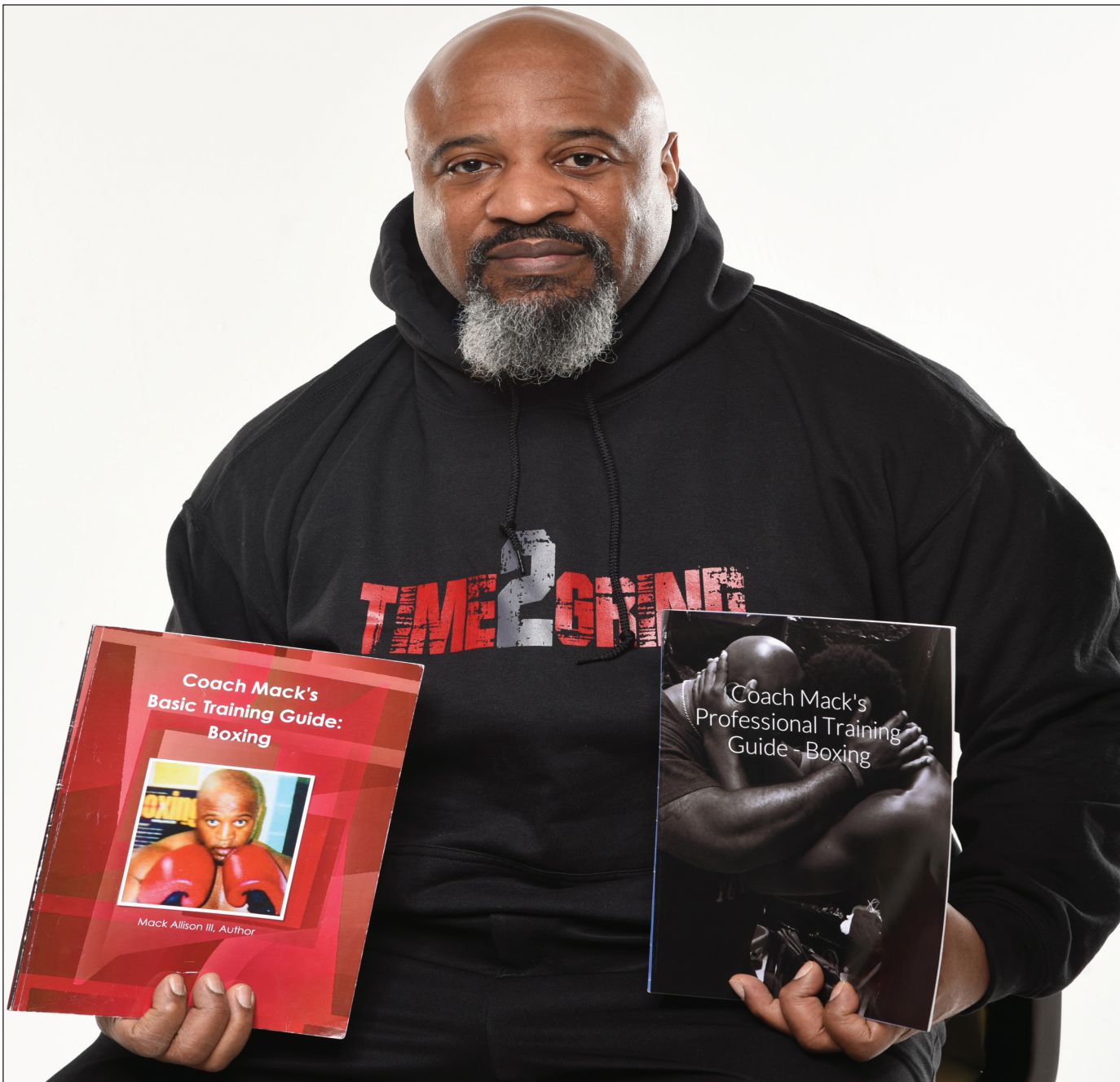
“With the book, I want to educate them so they can have an idea what to do. A lot of fighters are turning pro young, at the age of 18, these days. So, it’s important that they and their parents are educated about decision making in the world of boxing.”

Growing up in a household of eight children, Allison said family support is vital. He said his family remained “close, like Gladys Knight and the Pips.”

“My mom raised us and made sure that everyone stuck together,” Allison remarked. “In our neighborhood, you had to stick together.”

Allison, who has three children, including a son who also boxes, said young ones must have access to homegrown success stories.

“I’ve always been in Baltimore, and I’m going to stay here and help these kids,” Allison declared.



Mack Allison has authored a new book, “Coach Mack’s Professional Training Guide – Boxing,” which offers advice to students, parents, and just about everyone else as they attempt to survive the coronavirus pandemic. The book is the fifth update to his 2011 guide. The 2011 installment focused on amateur boxing and provided step-by-step instruction on the Sweet Science. “Coach Mack” has trained hundreds of youths at his Time2Grind boxing gym in West Baltimore. (See article on page 10) Photo: Jerry Brown

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Three ways to help you keep your New Year's resolutions

By Chazz Scott
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Ok, you are almost a month into 2021! Are you still sticking to those New Year's resolutions that you've set for yourself? Maybe you want to exercise more, increase your income, eat better, or even improve your mental health? Whatever those goals may be, it seems that most of us that do set them in the beginning of the year, can't keep them. Also, many of us lose the motivation to stick with them throughout the year. As the days go by, we even can rationalize and make up stories in our head as to why we can't or don't want to accomplish the very goal we set for ourselves just a couple of months ago.

In fact, research shows that up to 80-percent of New Year's resolutions fail by the second week of February, according to U.S. News & World Report. All across the country gyms see a spike in memberships but as the weeks go by attendance continues to drop. Let's face it—change is hard. However, it surely doesn't have to be. With proper techniques and strategies, you can indeed rewire your brain, stick with your goals, and accomplish them. Here is one strategy that lifted a lot of weight off of my shoulders every New Year. Instead



of thinking of specific goals from the very beginning, give yourself time to do some self-reflection of the past year.

For example, take a look back in 2020 and think about what went right and what went wrong. Think about your highest highs and your lowest lows. Think about the self-limiting beliefs and the repetitive negative thoughts that seemed to arise through the year that might be inhibiting your success. Think about your greatest fears and worries. Last but not least, think about how your life might look like if you were able to

overcome many of the negative emotions or disappointments you've experienced throughout 2020. From this point, you've now done some self-reflection so you can understand why it might be hard to tackle certain goals. In addition, you've given yourself a bird's eye view of your past, which can help lead you towards a better future.

Understanding your life backwards provides you with a great opportunity to effectively create a future that is more meaningful to you. Thus, allowing you to define meaningful goals that align to what you really want in life. For example, many of us may want to exercise more but we don't necessarily go any deeper than that. Meaning the goal has no personal value or weight to allow you to continue in the pursuit. Now what you could say is, I want to exercise more to increase my vitality and energy so I can be a better husband, mother or friend. These are goals that will stick because they mean something to you.

Three tips to help you keep your New Year's Resolution:

Set goals that truly matter to you and know your why for doing them— This is by far the most important. If you don't really know why you want to accomplish the goal, then percentages of accomplishing it significantly decrease. Dig deep to understand why you want to stick to your resolutions. What will it offer you? Who will it affect? How different would your life be?

Read them everyday— Many times, we forget about our resolutions. Keep a list of your goals near your bed or even posted in the bathroom mirror so you can remind yourself of where you are headed and why. This builds new neurological pathways in your brain each time you read them over and over again making it that much easier for you to start and continue your goals.

Have an accountability partner— Studies show that having someone in your life that is aware of your goals significantly increase your chances of accomplishing them. Tell a close friend or family member about your desires. They might want to help but also this keeps you honest with yourself, so you don't create excuses for not accomplishing something deep in your heart that you really want.

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“Racially Discriminatory Legislation & Policies Must Be Stopped”
The Unintended Consequences of a Ban on Menthols to Black Adult Citizens
— January 25, 2021 —
Message to the Black America

From tear gassing peaceful Black and Brown protesters vs. opening gates to White rioters, to countless fatal arrests of unarmed Black men vs. polite requests to put down the Congressional gavel, American history is clear: the color of your skin CAN determine your fate when faced with armed and unarmed law enforcers. And racist laws and discriminatory bans can protect the badge and not the Black and Brown victims.

It's not just the over-aggressive actions of police officers that resulted in the untimely deaths of Rayshad Brooks, Eric Gardner and George Floyd, but also the system of unjust and discriminatory laws that emboldened the officers' actions.

The Law Enforcement Action Partnership (LEAP) and National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) have joined together with other African American law enforcement executives to call on you - our readers in Black communities across the nation and here in Maryland - to see the warning signs of yet another proposed racially discriminatory law that could increase negative interactions between Black adult citizens and law enforcers: a ban on menthols.

Let us not forget the mothers of Trayvon Martin and Eric Garner who in 2020 courageously issued a public statement warning against the consequences of a proposed menthol cigarette ban. Sybrina Fulton and Gwendolyn Carr stated, “When you ban a product sold mostly in Black communities, you must consider the reality of what will happen to that very same over-represented community in the criminal justice system.”

While proponents argue that a ban on menthols could encourage menthol cigarette smokers to quit smoking cold-turkey, the reality is they will strengthen the existing illicit tobacco market. Just look at Massachusetts. Studies show that illegal sales of menthol cigarettes are more concentrated in communities of color, which leads to greater police presence, citations, fines, and arrests for selling a product that for the past 50 years has been legal.

Possible bans on menthol cigarettes are now being considered throughout the United States, and right here in Maryland, as add-ons to e-cigarette and youth vaping bans. The fact is teen cigarette use has steadily been on the decline over the past decade. Menthols are favored by Black adult citizens, not teens. And despite the harms our community faces, Black adult citizens do still have a right to freedom of choice.

Law enforcement leaders like Law Enforcement Action Partnership (LEAP), National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), Grand Council of Guardians, and National Association of Black Law Enforcement Officers (NABLEO) have stated countless times that a ban on menthol cigarettes will have unintended negative consequences, especially for African Americans.

Over the past 30 years, we have reduced tobacco consumption overall across this country by about 40 percent. And we did not do that with the criminal justice community. We did that with education, we did it with treatment, we did it from a health and educational perspective. Let's continue with that. Let's not do something that's going to end up with these unintended consequences of increasing interaction between police and community members.

Major Neill Franklin (Ret.), Former Executive Director of the Law Enforcement Action Partnership (LEAP): “I dedicated 34 years of my life to public safety, enforcing the laws that our legislators placed before me. That's what cops do, and we trust that those laws are well thought out, studied and based upon sound data and evidence. As we begin to mirror the days of alcohol prohibition with tobacco bans, expect the violence and corruption that comes with the illicit market and add something else, the over criminalization of the black community.”

Jiles Ship, Past President of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives – New Jersey (NOBLE): “Banning menthol cigarettes would be a 21st Century attempt at Prohibition, a past failure of government to restrict a previously legal product. As we learned with Prohibition, every time the government tries to ban something, it seems to cause other problems. And unfortunately, a menthol cigarette ban would be another example of government action that disproportionately disrupts the Black community.”

Charles Billips, National Chair Person of Grand Council of Guardians, “The first question I asked is how are they going to implement this ban on menthol cigarettes, knowing that a large number of Black and Brown people smoke menthol cigarettes? It would be best to educate the communities on the affect it has on our health instead of a ban enforced through Law Enforcement.”

The time is NOW to safely protect the Black and Brown adults in our communities who hope that their lawful, adult choices are protected and not questioned by an enforcement officer. The time is NOW for all who stand for freedom, justice and equality to speak out against all forms of racial discrimination, as well as the systems, laws, bans and policies that perpetuate them.

Law-abiding Black and Brown adults deserve to just BE. Be free to live. Free to live their lives safely. And to reach this, we must, together, speak out against racism and discrimination before it becomes the LAW.

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Guest Editorials/Letters

Black physician's call to people of color: Trust the vaccine and get your shot

By Dr. Asefa Jejaw Mekonnen

As a physician of color, I am well aware of the history of scientific experimentation in the African American community. Tuskegee and the Henrietta Lacks experiments were inhumane and inconceivable, by any measure. Continued structural racism in healthcare and the justice system have eroded trust, and is a catalyst for ongoing mistrust. Unfortunately, it will take time and continued struggle to change this and establish social equality.

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to take lives at an alarming rate. We are still battling an unprecedented health care crisis. Black and brown communities have been affected the most. By now, we all know someone who has died due to COVID-19.

Because of unprecedented technological, scientific, and governmental collaboration—and a novel approach to vaccine development—we have made the most significant scientific achievement of the century with the COVID-19 vaccines, all in just 10 months.

I am a principal investigator for Moderna's Phase 3 COVID-19 vaccine clinical trial being conducted at Meridian Clinical Research. I am a witness of the ethical and scientific integrity of the trial. I have campaigned to improve minority participation in the trial so we can have proportionate evidence that can be generalized to the greater population. This trial has diverse participants. The trial data was reviewed by an independent scientific team to eliminate bias. The emergency approval process included experts from diverse ethnic groups, including prominent scientists like Dr. James E. K. Hildreth, a black immunologist. Efficacy and safety data were impressive, with more than 90 percent protection from severe COVID-19.

If our society does not get vaccinated, all the development efforts will not save lives, and we will not achieve herd immunity on a meaningful timeline. The success of a vaccination program is in its coverage. Recent vaccination coverage data reported by Kaiser Health showed that as of January 14, 2021, in the 16 states where race was reported, African Americans were vaccinated at a much lower rate compared to Caucasians. This pattern repeats itself among healthcare workers, wherein the proportion of black healthcare workers were fairly represented.

We must change this dynamic. Black healthcare workers and community leaders need to come to the fore to educate our society. We need to explain the COVID-19 vaccine development process and abolish any fear and uncertainty with clear scientific facts. We also need to improve access for high-risk people of color who must be vaccinated. An email to the medical staff will not reach the ground floors of the hospital, where the porter or the environmental worker, who have been the backbone of the COVID-19 response, are located. We need a new method of communication regarding vaccine distribution. We no longer live in the past.

Scientific integrity is very closely monitored and human subject protections are upheld. We must trust the science and roll up our sleeves for the vaccine. We can begin to control the pandemic and save lives.

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Letters to the Editor:

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Re: Take Down Your Political Signs

As an Independent (Undeclared in NH), I have voted for Republicans and Democrats quite evenly over the decades starting in 1960—and I always voted for the individual candidates, not the party.

I was planning on looking back, and analyzing former President Trump's time in office and try to determine his legacy, but instead I decided to look forward to the future.

President Biden has laid out his vision of unity, respect, harmony and compassion for our country, and hopefully people will do their part to help reunite us, because the soul of our country hangs in the balance.

The presidential election, including the aftermath, was incredibly caustic and

violent in some situations. Some ordinary citizens were overly zealous while campaigning for Trump and Biden. I noticed there was a huge amount of political campaign signage in my town and region. Trump/Pence and Biden/Harris signs sprang up in the yards of many houses.

Unfortunately, many of these signs continue to exist long after the election and even after the inauguration. There is no justification for people to continue with the signage of either party unless they want to foment divisiveness and discord in our country. Take down your political signs for the good of our country.

Donald Moskowitz

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Democracy survived an insurrection and America now needs unity

By Roger Caldwell
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“Few people in our nation’s history have been more challenged or found a time more challenging or difficult than the time we’re in now,” President Biden said referring to the ongoing coronavirus.

This is an accurate statement, but many American historians would say that is why there is an election every four years for president. During the last pandemic, 100 years ago, there were 625,000 Americans who died, and the responsibility of the president was to solve the crisis. Twelve years ago, when President Obama took office the country was bankrupt, and there were monumental financial problems, and he solved them.

This is the role and responsibility of the president to resolve insurmountable issues, with a vision that brings about change, and success. America almost

lost Democracy on January 6, 2021, with the storming of the Federal Capitol building. After the election in 2020, President Donald Trump continued to promote one huge lie. Essentially, he told the country and the world, that he had really won the election.

It didn’t matter whether or not you voted for the president— this speech was powerful, because it made you believe in America again.

“Today we celebrate the triumph not of a candidate, but of a cause, the cause of democracy. The will of the people has

policies of former President Trump. In his first official day, President Biden got busy with no hesitation, and let the Republicans know there was a new sheriff in town— Washington, D.C. He rejoined the World Health Organization; rejoined the Paris Climate Accord; implemented a mask requirement in the Federal government; ended a Muslim traveler ban; paused student debt until September 30, 2021; delayed housing foreclosure until March 31, 2021; ended the building of the Border Wall; preserved DACA; and much more.

The push back started from the Republicans, before the ink could dry on the Executive Orders. On the second day in office, controversial House Republican Congresswoman Marjorie Taylor-Greene filed articles of impeachment against President Biden. In certain states around the country, Republican Party members are saying leftists are taking control of both houses and the White House.

On the federal level, many Republican Congressmen and Congresswomen are saying that President Biden’s big stimulus plan is too expensive, and it is doomed to not pass on the Senate floor.

President Biden wants unity but it does appear that the Republicans are ready to fight for power. The most we can expect from Republicans at this time is bipartisan politics that is not controversial and they can agree with.

This must be done in incremental steps, with positive conversation and dialogue, which everyone is committed to, and believes in.

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Even though millions of Americans and the former President all believed this huge lie, there was a peaceful transition of power, and President Joe Biden took his oath of office on January 20, 2021. The focus of this great inauguration speech was unity and trying to bring back together a divided country after four years of political turmoil.

“Chief Justice Roberts, Vice President Harris, Speaker Pelosi, Leader Schumer, Leader McConnell, Vice President Pence, distinguished guests, and my fellow Americans. This is American’s day. This is democracy’s day; a day of history and hope; of renewal and resolve,” said President Biden during his inauguration speech.

been heard and the will of the people has been heeded,” said President Biden.

What a beautiful day and a beautiful speech. America is at a crossroads and there is a tremendous amount of work to be done. But the new president is ready to do the work, and all around the country and the world people are smiling.

“We have learned again that democracy is precious. Democracy is fragile. And at this hour, my friends, democracy has prevailed,” the president said.

It is very easy to talk that talk, but to execute is where the rubber meets the road. During the first day on the job, President Biden issued a slew of executive orders that dismantled the

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How the pandemic has affected the human trafficking crisis in Maryland

By *Demetrius Dillard*

The coronavirus pandemic has impacted every sector of society, including the human trafficking crisis in Maryland.

January is recognized as Human Trafficking Awareness Month, and in recognition of such, local advocates are highlighting how the global pandemic is making vulnerable populations and more susceptible to human trafficking and what is being done to address these issues.

The Human Trafficking Prevention Project (HTPP) is a partnership between the University of Baltimore School of Law and the Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service (MVLS) with the central focus of raising awareness and lending essential services to human trafficking victims and survivors.

One of the biggest challenges facing the human trafficking awareness social justice movement is that there isn't precise data on the crisis throughout the country. But what experts are certain of is the adverse impact that the economic downturn of COVID-19 pandemic has had on individuals who are more susceptible to being trafficked.

"What we do know about human trafficking is we know what makes people vulnerable," said Jessica Emerson, director of the HTPP at the UB School of Law. "The challenge with the pandemic is that we know that all of those things that make people vulnerable— things like not being able to obtain housing, not being able to obtain gainful employment, struggling with addiction, immigration matters — all of those things have worsened since the pandemic came to be."

In hindsight, there will be "significant increases in numbers" once researchers start collecting that data, Emerson added.

The Prevention Project defines human trafficking as "the trade of human beings through force, fraud, and/or coercion for the purpose of exploitation for labor, sexual purposes, or organs." Trafficked persons can be adults or children, male and female.

The pandemic has also forced MVLS and UB School of Law to conduct



Jessica Emerson, director, Human Trafficking Prevention Project at the University of Baltimore School of Law

Courtesy Photo

advocacy efforts differently as they have expanded their online presence through an outreach campaign that offers a variety of helpful resources for human trafficking survivors and victims.

The HTPP from MVLS and the UB School of Law has served hundreds of human trafficking survivors to help expunge or vacate their convictions, which is a start to putting them on the path of self-sufficiency.

Heather Heiman, Human Trafficking Prevention Project Manager at MVLS, along with her colleague Emerson and a host of other advocates throughout Maryland, have joined the nationwide push for criminal record relief laws— legislation that allows victims to have convictions cleared.

"For survivors, the added rub, if you will, is that they're carrying around a criminal record that is directly linked to acts they were forced to commit by their trafficker," Emerson said. "If that's not the definition of lack of justice or unjust, I don't really know what is. And so that's why the project emerged in 2015 at the University of Baltimore School of Law, really focusing on criminal record relief."



Heather Heiman, Human Trafficking Prevention Project Manager at Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service

Courtesy Photo

According to UB School of Law website, the HTPP provides pro-bono legal services to individuals with criminal records primarily stemming from involvement in the commercial sex industry. Most HTPP clients exist at the intersection of race, class, and gender discrimination, the website notes. For more information about MVLS, visit <https://mvlslaw.org/ht/>.

Unfortunately for many trafficking victims, criminal convictions consequently puts limitations on "their ability to secure safe, stable housing, gainful employment, or government benefits."

One of Emerson's goals for 2021 is to advocate for an expansion of services under the relatively new statewide criminal record relief laws. Additionally, she is enthusiastic about the changes in data collection as the new year unfolds.

Likewise, Heiman mused about some of HTPP's goals this year.

"We're quite excited about this new outreach campaign that we've launched. We really think that we have great materials and resources that we can use to connect with agencies," Heiman said, discussing the organization's mission as

it embarks on what may be a challenging year. "We are trying to rise to the challenge [of there being] a huge increase in needs for free legal services. There are going to be so many people that are going to be facing things like surmounting debt related to the economic fall-off from the pandemic."

A good deal of work related to human trafficking prevention is left up to legal experts, law enforcement officials, etc., but if any community member wants to contribute to the social justice movement, Emerson suggests a few actionable items.

"If you want to reduce vulnerability to trafficking, get involved in work around people experiencing homelessness, around people experiencing addiction, around anti-racist work," said Emerson, a professor at the UB law school.

"Those things to me are the most crucial things that the average citizen in Baltimore City can do. Because when you address the root causes of trafficking, you impact anti-trafficking work for the better."

Ravens look to Senior Bowl for new players

By Tyler Hamilton

It's that time of the year again. The third week of January is when the NFL shifts its focus to Mobile, Alabama—the home of the Reese's Senior Bowl.

The event hosts the best collection of senior collegiate players in the country. This year, it will be the best opportunity to get an up close and personal look at prospects entering the 2021 NFL Draft.

The Baltimore Ravens have been especially focused on players at the Senior Bowl. General Manager Eric DeCosta and Executive Vice President Ozzie Newsome have made coming to the Senior Bowl and annual event. It's where they get an intricate look at prospects.

Just last season, Baltimore selected six players who participated in the Senior Bowl:

3rd round/Pick 92 - Devin Duvernay
3rd round/Pick 98 - Malik Harrison
3rd round/Pick 106 - Tyre Phillips
4th round/Pick 143 - Ben Bredeson
5th round/Pick 170 - Broderick Washington

6th round/Pick 201 - James Proche

The Ravens picked a total of seven Senior Bowl participants in the 2018 and 2019 drafts. This year will likely provide more of the same focus on players in Mobile.

Baltimore may need to add pass rushers since Matt Judon, Tyrus Bowser and Yannick Ngakoue all have the possibility of moving on. The Senior Bowl will give the Ravens a chance to see some solid prospects.

Quincy Roche from Miami and Penn State's Chaka Tony are two prospects to watch.

The Ravens should also pay close attention to some of the wide receivers. Lamar Jackson can be an even more impactful player with some added weapons. Florida's Kadarius Toney and Trevon Grimes are two receiver prospects that could help.

Grimes (6-4, 218 pounds) is a big body wideout who could be used along the outside. Toney is an all-purpose player that can lineup everywhere.

Making it to the AFC Divisional round despite of all the challenges and



adversity the faced was monumental.

"It was a unique season in many different ways. Many different things would pop-up day-to-day," DeCosta said. "You'd think you had something figured out, and something else would come up. But again, not the end result that we wanted, but we see progress with this team. A lot of young players emerged. Very proud of the way that we competed— especially the second half of the season with our backs to the

wall to get into the playoffs. All the different things we had to handle to win those games. We won a playoff game in the end."

However, some Ravens' fans who aren't happy. There are some glaring holes to fill.

It's pretty clear that DeCosta and Newsome will be up for the task. It starts with a trip to watch the Senior Bowl and see each of the players first hand.

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Rosa Pryor Trusty

Hello my dear friends, I am so sorry my "Rambling Rose" column has turned into more of an obituary column instead of an entertainment column, but what can I say, that is what Baltimore has come to. I hope and pray with the new president in place that things will change soon. It is a TERRIBLE SITUATION!

Well, there is one positive thing, Jazz vocalist Cathy Dorsey contacted me to let me know that Paul Carr's Jazz Academy of Music is conducting in-person and virtual classes starting this week. So if you know or have any kids who can play an instrument, go to jambush@jazzacademy.org.

In person combo sessions will be held at North Chevy Chase Christian Church beginning January 28, 2021 at 4 p.m. Sessions will be held bi-weekly. Virtual combo spring sessions will begin on January 27, 2021. Bi-weekly session will extend for 50 minutes. To get a new member audition application, call 301-871-8418.

An Die Musik Live Fund Drive for local musicians ends on January 31. Area musicians continue to need your help. Please consider showing your appreciation for the artists who perform at the club. Your generosity will help the musicians make ends meet and will assist them with operating expenses and their desire to upgrade the hall and equipment to make the live stream experience even better.

Arden Concert Gild presents an evening with Amy Rigby, streaming live from Arden Gild Hall Friday, February 5, 2021 at 8 p.m. Amy Rigby has been writing, performing and recording her transcendent songs about everyday life for over thirty years, first with bands "Last Roundup and the Shams" in NYC's East Village, then as a solo artist beginning with classic album "Dairy Of A Mod Housewife" up through the "Old Guys and a One Way Ticket to My Life". The famous Jazz Club An die Musik Live continues to live stream their events at <https://ardenconcerts.com/event/amy-rigby/> including shows in February such as: "Imani-Grace Cooper Live Streaming Concert" on February 10, 2021; Ellington Carthan and Ekep Nkwelle on February 13; Phil Ravita Jazz Group on Valentine's Day on February 14. For more information, visit: www.andiemusiklive.com or call 410-385-2638.

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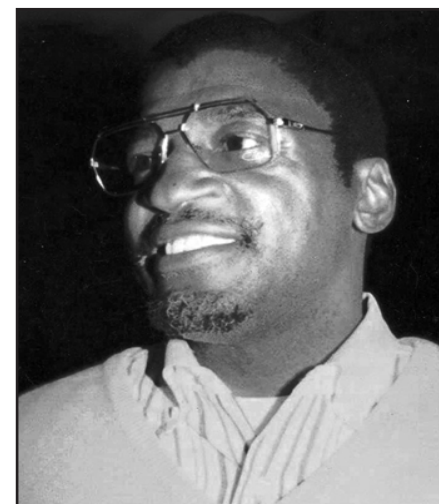
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Karen Atkinson-Kirk, the daughter of Rambling Rose, passed away suddenly on Sunday, January 10, 2021 of natural causes. She was the twin to Kelvin Atkinson, the sister to Kathy Atkinson and Keith Hendricks. She had one son, Sonny Davis. Her Memorial Service was held on Wednesday, January 20 at Howell Funeral Home; Carlton Douglass Funeral Service. The Family thanks you for your condolences, cards and donations.



Baltimore's own, popular saxophonist, Harold Adams passed away last week. Some of his fellow musicians called him "Mr. Saxophone." He played the Club Casino on the Avenue for years as well as with Greg Hatza and just about every other musician in Baltimore. He truly will be missed— Condolences to his family and musician family.



A Memorial Service was held for Edward Raymond "Slim" Butler on Monday, January 25, 2021 at Graveside Memorial Service at King Memorial Park located 87 10 Dogwood Road. Wiley Funeral Home was entrusted to his services. "Slim Butler" as he was affectionately known at one time was the owner of Pascals, Giovanni's, Riviera on Baker Street and also, he was the owner and builder of the Palladium.



Last week Winfield Parker, renowned, accomplished songwriter and vocalist of R&B and Gospel Singer passed away.



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Baltimore Native supports U.S. Navy shipyard surge as part of COVID-19 response

By Rick Burke
Navy Office of Community Outreach

Pearl Harbor, Hawaii— A 2004 Dunbar High School graduate and native of Baltimore is serving at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility as part of the largest mobilization of reservists in Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) history. The mobilization is tied directly to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Byran Roundtree is one of the reserve sailors deployed to the Navy's four public shipyards as part of the Surge Maintenance (SurgeMain) program. Established in 2005 to augment the Navy's organic civilian shipyard workforce in times of need, SurgeMain has 2,200 enlisted reserve sailors and 240 reserve officers across 75 units.

"I am a person who is prepared to serve and was ready to do what SurgeMain needed," Roundtree said. "I'm glad SurgeMain asked for my help because this mobilization means a lot to me."

Between mid-March and late June, up to 25 percent of the naval shipyards' production workforce had been on administrative leave due to being at high risk for severe complications tied to the COVID-19 virus. As a result, the four shipyards collectively experienced schedule impacts for most of the ships and submarines undergoing maintenance. This delayed maintenance work could result in delays to ship and submarine maintenance which could cause disruptions to the Navy's deployment schedules and require ships and sailors to remain forward-deployed for longer periods of time.

NAVSEA, the largest command within



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the Navy, oversees the construction, delivery and maintenance of all the Navy's commissioned ships and operates four naval shipyards— Norfolk Naval Shipyard in Portsmouth, VA; Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, ME; Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility in Bremerton, WA; and Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance

Facility in Honolulu, HI. Workers at each of these shipyards perform a vital role in national defense by performing maintenance on ships, submarines and aircraft carriers required for combat-ready fleet forces.

"The four naval shipyards are critical to providing deployable, combat-ready warships for our Sailors and Marines," said NAVSEA's Commander Vice Adm.

Bill Galinis. "Augmenting our organic civilian workforce with SurgeMain Reservists allows us to address the maintenance challenges generated by the pandemic so we can return ships back to the Fleet."

Roundtree is an engineman responsible for the safety of fellow SurgeMain Sailors and civilian workers.

"I am expected to exceed and meet expectations when I am given assignments," Roundtree said. "The thing I enjoy most about this job is being able to discover new solutions to solve problems that might present themselves to the shop on a daily basis. Also, I enjoy how we are compensated to provide a better future for ourselves."

According to Roundtree, the values required to succeed in the Navy are similar to those found in Baltimore.

"The lessons I have learned growing up that have prepared me for my career is just working hard and staying focused until the job is complete," Roundtree said. "I learned to never give up on myself and always believe in both myself and my visions."

As a member of the U.S. Navy, Roundtree, as well as other sailors, know they are a part of a service tradition providing unforgettable experiences through leadership development, world affairs and humanitarian assistance. Their efforts will have a lasting effect around the globe and for generations of sailors who will follow.

"I appreciate the Navy for knowing I would be ready to support the mission during the COVID-19 pandemic," Roundtree added. "The Navy was an excellent choice because it's vital to a person's success and growth."

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Coach Allison Releases New Book to Inspire Baltimore Youth

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“A lot of people, when they come up and do well, they want to move because they get tired of the city and they want to leave. I am not knocking them because everyone has their own reasons, but I just prefer to hang in there and try to make a difference. I once was one of those kids who sat on his steps and [dreamed] about making it. I didn’t want to become another statistic.”

In his book, Mack offers a realization that he hopes others acknowledge about many Baltimore youth.

“Some of these young people are out there trying to survive, and they don’t have much of choice,” Mack stated.

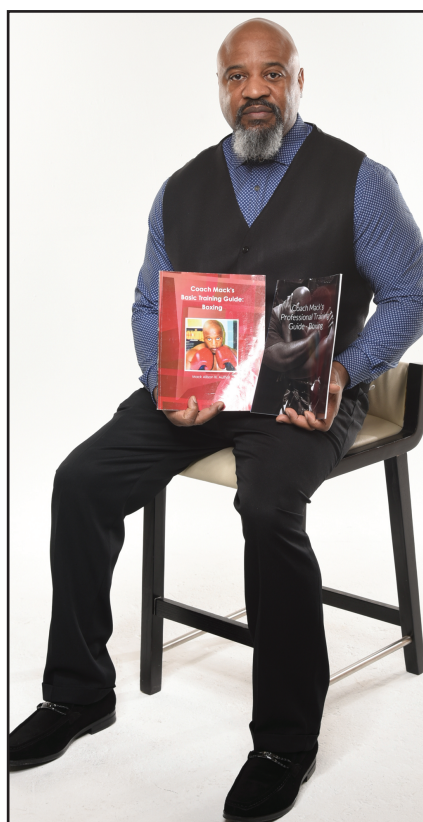
“I want to create an avenue to give them a choice, a chance. I want to say at least that I tried.”

“Coach Mack’s Professional Training Guide – Boxing” is not Allison’s first attempt at being an author. It is the fifth update to his 2011 guide. The 2011 installment focused on amateur boxing and provided step-by-step instruction on the Sweet Science.

In 2012, Allison wrote extensively about the sport’s business side, including information about what to look for in professional contracts.

“You have to be aware of what goes on in the business of pro boxing,” Allison said. “It is a cutthroat business.”

Allison said he hopes that gym owners and trainers around the city – if not the country – will purchase the books and distribute them to young ones.



Coach Mack Allison
Photo: Jerry Brown

“A lot of young ones want to box. This book will give them an idea of what’s going on with boxing. We plan to really try and help the young ones in Baltimore and the county, especially when we are able to open up again safely.”

Visit www.lulu.com to purchase “Coach Mack’s Professional Training Guide – Boxing.”

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Hank Aaron rose to the top of baseball while facing pervasive racism— leaves behind a powerful legacy

By **Harmeet Kaur**
and **Nicquel Terry Ellis**, *CNN*

(CNN) — Baseball legend Hank Aaron is remembered today as one of the greatest to ever play the game. Crucial to his legacy is that unlike his White counterparts, he pulled off his most significant achievements while enduring pervasive racism.

Throughout his career, Aaron experienced hate and vitriol on and off the field for the simple fact that he was an African American.

Aaron dominated baseball at a time when part of the nation still upheld Jim Crow, a system of racial apartheid in the American South. Even after legal segregation ended, baseball fans engaged in ugly and vile tactics to remind him of what they considered to be his place in the nation's racial hierarchy.

"The same way Jackie Robinson had to go through hell to become a Major League Baseball player, Hank Aaron had to go through hell after doing one of the greatest things in the history of sports," said Peter Golenbock, author of the biography "Hank Aaron: Brave in Every Way," in an interview with CNN.

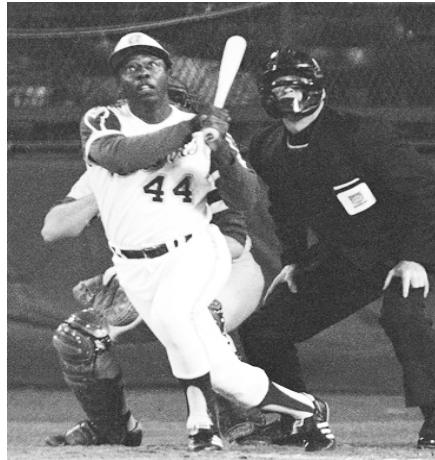
In spite of all those obstacles, Aaron persevered — breaking the career home run record previously set by Babe Ruth and other records that he still holds to this day. He passed away on Friday at the age of 86.

Here's a look at the racial barriers Aaron broke, and the legacy he leaves behind.

He faced racism on and off the field

Aaron was born in 1934 and grew up in and around Mobile, Alabama. Civil rights leader Andrew Young, who said he and Aaron shared a close friendship since 1965, told CNN that the racism Aaron experienced began in childhood.

Aaron's mother would summon him from the baseball field to come home and hide under the bed because the Ku Klux Klan was riding through the neighborhood, Young said. But he was never deterred, going right back outside to finish playing when the Klan left. Inspired by his idol Jackie Robinson, the first African American to play Major



Aaron eyes the flight of the ball as he hit his record-breaking 715th home run on April 8, 1974. The historic moment happened in Atlanta against Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Al Downing.

Photo Credit: Harry Harris/AP

League Baseball in the modern era, Aaron completed brief stints in the Negro American League and the minor leagues before making his way to Major League Baseball.

During his time in the minor leagues, Aaron was met with racism both inside and outside the stadium. In Jacksonville, Florida, fans threw rocks, wore mops on their heads to mock Black players and threw black cats onto the field.

When the team traveled around the South, Aaron would often find himself separated from his White teammates, left to make his own food and lodging accommodations.

But Aaron pressed on, and his success ultimately landed him in his first major league game with the Milwaukee Braves in 1954. Over the next two decades, he would cement his status as a baseball icon. He was named MVP, received several Gold Glove awards, broke numerous records and led the Braves to win the World Series in 1957.

His accomplishments were met with hatred

As Aaron began to close in on Babe Ruth's career home run record in the early 1970s, the racists came out in full force. White baseball fans responded to the prospect of Aaron overtaking Ruth's record with letters containing racial slurs,

hateful comments and even death threats.

"Everybody loved Babe Ruth," one of the letters read. "You will be the most hated man in this country if you break his career home run record."

"How about some sickle cell anemia, Hank?" read another.

That Aaron would dare to surpass the record set by Ruth, who was White, rankled many White fans of the game. In 1973, Aaron received more than 930,000 pieces of mail — the most by anyone excluding the country's politicians, Lew Freedman wrote in the book "African American Pioneers of Baseball: A Biographical Encyclopedia."

Though some of the mail was positive, the threats Aaron received were so serious that the FBI launched an investigation into them.

"In some of the letters, these people described how they would kill him," the late Pellom McDaniels III, curator of African American collections at Emory University's library, said in a 2014 news release. "I thought it was audacious; some people signed their names and provided return addresses, as if it were acceptable to say these hateful things without fear of any repercussions."

The racism and death threats "rolled off his back like water off a duck's back," Young said.

"It says a lot about the way his mother and father raised him," Young, who visited Aaron's family in Atlanta on Friday morning, told CNN. "He was a child of the South, he was a child of racism, but he never let it bother him publicly. He never let it slow him down or change his focus in life."

Instead, the hate that came his way only motivated Aaron to work harder toward his goal.

"I kept feeling more and more strongly that I had to break the record not only for myself and for Jackie Robinson and for black people," Aaron wrote in his autobiography. "But also to strike back at the vicious little people who wanted to keep me from doing it. All that hatred left a deep scar on me."

On April 8, 1974, Aaron hit his 715th home run at Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium — finally breaking the career record held by Ruth. It was a historic

moment for Atlanta, for baseball and for American history.

His legacy extends well beyond baseball

Aaron ended his legendary playing career in 1976 with a total of 755 home runs.

"Retiring as the last Major League player to have played in the Negro Leagues, Aaron's career can be seen as a symbolic bridge from the dark days of segregation to an era of greater opportunity," National Urban League President and CEO Marc H. Morial said in a statement.

Aaron continued to speak out against racism in the sport after retirement, remaining engaged in community advocacy and the fight for civil rights.

"Maybe the day will come when I can sit back and be content with the changes that have taken place in America, or, at least in my part of it, which is baseball," he mused at one point.

Aaron served on the NAACP board and also founded the Chasing the Dream Foundation, which funded programs that helped underserved youth develop their talents and pursue their dreams.

In 2002, Aaron was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom for his humanitarian efforts. The NAACP Legal Defense Fund presented him with the Thurgood Marshall Lifetime Achievement Award in 2005, and established the Hank Aaron Humanitarian in Sports Award in his honor.

In his final days, Aaron received the Covid-19 vaccine as part of a campaign to encourage other African Americans to be immunized.

NAACP President Derrick Johnson said Aaron will be remembered for overcoming racial barriers, not only in baseball but also the civil rights movement.

"I would hope athletes from all sports will look at his legacy as an example of how to use their platforms for social good and to advance the causes of civil rights," Johnson said.

"He's an example of how to overcome adversity, but he is also an example of the many people who are confronted with barriers today that shouldn't be there."

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**PROJECT #1342
ON-CALL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT
MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR
ROADWAYS, BRIDGES, TRAFFIC,
CONDUITS AND ASSOCIATED
PROJECTS**

The City of Baltimore Office of Boards & Commissions has been requested by the Department of Transportation, Transportation Engineering and Construction Division to certify the qualifications of Construction Project Management firms to provide technical and administrative assistance in all aspects of construction project management and various engineering and inspection disciplines for the proposed improvements to the City's system of Streets, Highways, Bridges, Traffic, Conduits and other Transportation Infrastructure for a three (3) year contract with an option of two (2) extensions of up to one (1) year each at the City's option.

The services to be provided include, but are not limited to, assisting the Transportation Engineering & Construction and Conduit Divisions in managing various Capital Improvement and other Transportation Infrastructure related Projects. Responsibilities will include but not limited to constructability review of construction contract documents, tracking and assisting in answering contractors' request for information (RFI's), change orders & claims analysis and staff augmentation for inspection services. Depending on the nature of assignments and City staff workload, a variety of personnel representing the selected firms shall be available.

The selected firm must demonstrate:

*Experience in Construction Project Management development and implementation.

*Experience with Constructability Review of construction contract documents.

*Experience with Change Order/Claims Analysis and Minimization/Mitigation.

*Experience with Critical Path Method Construction Scheduling, Cost Report and Recovery Schedule Analysis.

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*Ability to supplement City staff to provide field inspection if needed.

*Experience and ability to evaluate existing program procedures and develop cost effective improvements.

*Ability to Analyze and Maintain Construction Master Schedules to anticipate future staffing requirements.

*Experience with Industry Standard Hardware/Software for Information Tracking Systems.

*Overall team approach with Minority/Women Business Enterprises.

Project design fees have been estimated at \$3,000,000 per consultant. Duration of the professional services contract is estimated to be three (3) years, with an option of two (2) extensions of up to one (1) year each. Five (5) consultants will be awarded contracts.

Should you have any questions in this matter, please contact Mr. Anthony Benvenega at 410-396-6915.

The Expression of Interest is an opportunity to present your Firm's understanding of the project scope of work, foreseeable project problems and challenges, and you Firm's ideas for formulation of project management and staffing plan as related to Baltimore City Standard Specifications.

It's important to highlight your firm's unique capabilities and past experiences qualifying your selection for construction management services.

Shortlisted firms will be invited to conduct a presentation and interview session. The criteria to be used for interview session will be mailed to shortlisted firms along with interview invitation

Prequalification Requirement

All firms listed in the specific proposal for the Project **must** be prequalified by the Office of Boards and Commissions for each applicable discipline *at time of submittal* for this Project. *A copy of the prime and sub consultant's current Prequalification Certificate should be included in the bid submittal package.* Information regarding the prequalification process can be obtained by calling the Office of Boards and Commissions on 410.396.6883.

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Submittal Process

Firms interested in submitting a proposal for this Project, shall address a "Letter of Interest" to the Office of Boards and Commissions, 4 South Frederick Street, 4th Floor, Baltimore, Maryland, 21202 (EMAIL: OBC.Consultants@baltimorecity.gov). Letters of Interest will be utilized to assist small minority and women business enterprises in identifying potential teaming partners and should be submitted within five (5) days of the date of the project's advertisement. The Letter of Interest must contain the name of number of your contact person. Failure to submit a "Letter of Interest" will not disqualify a firm submitting a proposal for the project.

The prime consultant applying for this Project will be required to complete and submit an original Federal Form 255, along with **five (5)** copies, to the Office of Boards and Commissions. The Federal Form 255 and the five copies must be submitted on or before 12:00 P.M. (Noon) on **Friday, March 12, 2020**. Submittals may not be accepted after this deadline.

MBE/WBE Requirements

It is policy of the City of Baltimore to promote equal business opportunity in the City's contracting process. Pursuant to Article 5, subtitle 28 of the Baltimore City Code (2000 Edition) – Minority and Women's Business Program, Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) and Women's Business Enterprise (WBE) participation goals apply to this contract.

The MBE goal is **27.82%**.

The WBE goal is **12.53%**.

MBE Sub-Goals are:

African American – **3.42%**

Hispanic American – **1.68%**

Both the proposed Minority and Women's Business Enterprise firms must be named and identified as an MBE or WBE within Item 6 of the Standard Form (SF) 255 in the spaces provided for identifying outside key consultants/associates anticipated for utilization for this project.

Any submittal that does not include the proper MBE/WBE (in some instance DBE) participation will be disapproved for further consideration for this project.

Verifying Certification

Each firm submitting a SF 255 for consider-

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ation for a project is responsible for verifying that all MBEs and WBEs to be utilized on the project are certified by the Minority and Women's Business Opportunity Office (MWBOO) prior to submitting the proposal. A directory of certified MBEs and WBEs is available from MWBOO. Since changes to the directory occur daily, firms submitting SF 255s should call MWBOO at 410-396-4355 or email MWBOOCompliance@baltimorecity.gov to verify certification, expiration dates and services that the MBE/WBE is certified to provide.

Insurance Requirements

Insurance Requirements: \$5,000,000.00
The consultant selected for the award of this project shall provide professional liability, auto liability, and general liability and workers' compensation **insurances as required by the City of Baltimore.**

Interested firm/consultant shall provide the city with a certificate of insurance evidencing the coverage required. The firm shall provide certificates of insurance before commencing work in connection with the contract.

The firm shall advise the city and by first-class certified mail within two (2) business days of any cancellation, non-renewal, or other termination of, or any substantive change to any insurance policy providing or represented as providing the coverages mandated. Failure to do so shall be considered as a material breach of the agreement.

Liability

The firm/consultant shall be and remain liable, in accordance with applicable law, for all damages to the Baltimore City caused by its acts or omissions related to any of the work furnished under this solicitation, to the extent such damage is caused by its acts or omissions within the scope of provision of goods and services under the contract, and to the extent it would be liable to the City for such damage under any applicable legal theory.

Non-Affiliation

A firm submitting a proposal may not use an MBE or WBE to meet a contract goal if

1. The firm has a financial interest in the MBE or WBE.
2. The firm has an interest in the ownership or control of the MBE or WBE.
3. The firm is significantly involved in the

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operation of the MBE or WBE (Article 5, Subtitle 28-41).

A firm submitting as a prime consultant that fails to comply with the requirements of Article 5, Subtitle 28 of the Baltimore City Code when executing a contract is subject to the following penalties; suspension of a contract; withholding of funds; rescission of contract based on material breach; disqualification as a consultant from eligibility to provide services to the City for a period not to exceed 2 years; and payment for damages incurred by the City.

A resume for each person listed as key personnel and/or specialist, including those from MBE and WBE must be shown on the page provided within the application.

Out-of-State Corporations must identify their corporate resident agent within the application.

Please be advised that for the purpose of reviewing price proposals and invoices, the City of Baltimore defines a principal of a firm as follows:

A "Principal" is any individual owing 5% or more of the outstanding stock of an entity, partner of a partnership, a 5% or more shareholder of a sub-chapter "S" Corporation, or an individual owner.

Out-of-State Corporations must identify their corporate resident agent within the application.

Firms will not be considered for specific project if they apply as both a sub consultant and prime consultant.

The applications for this project (Form 255) cannot be supplemented with any additional information such as graphs, photographs, organizational charts, etc. All such information should be incorporated into the appropriate pages. Applications should not be bound. Applications should simply be stapled in the upper left-hand-corner. Cover sheets should not be included. Inclusion and/or submittal of additional material will result in the applicant being disqualified from consideration for this Project.

Please Note: Failure to follow directions of this advertisement or the application will cause disqualification of the submittal.

Deena Joyce, Chief,
Office of Boards and Commissions

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PROJECT # 1346 – COMPREHENSIVE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN

The City of Baltimore Office of Boards and Commissions has been requested by the Department of Public Works, Office of Engineering and Construction, to certify the qualifications of Engineering Firms to perform ENGINEERING & PLANNING SERVICES for the COMPREHENSIVE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN. The City of Baltimore's Loch Raven, Prettyboy and Liberty Watersheds supply water to approximately 1.8 million residential, commercial and institutional customers within the 215 square mile water service area. One (1) firm will be selected to perform this project managed by the Office of Engineering and Construction.

The Firms interested in providing these services must demonstrate and document:

*Experience in the assessment and preparation of multi-jurisdictional Comprehensive Watershed Management Plans; review of program policies and practices; evaluation of drainage basin land protection/acquisition needs and development of measures to protect and secure the regions water supply.

*Experience in the assessment of watershed forest resources; development of management options to maintain, secure and expand primary forest buffers; evaluate watershed road/trail networks and recommend options available to mitigate the impact of invasive plants and deer browsing on forest resources.

*Experience in evaluation of current and future recreational activity impacts on watershed water resources, forest buffers; security measures and management policies.

*Experience in evaluation of emergency hazardous spill response plans and notification systems; development of GIS mapping of identified major sources of hazardous materials within the watershed and development of standard operating procedures to address spill responses and estimate travel

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times for hazardous spills entering the reservoir to water supply intake.

*Experience in development of watershed regulations; review of regulations for adequacy in meeting State, Regional and Local regulations to meet resource management goals and objectives and development of GIS mapping layer delineating watershed boundaries. City owned reservoir boundaries and recommendations for enhancements to boundary control and enforcement efforts.

*Experience in development of Emergency Action Plans for reservoir dams; review of current dam inspection program and infrastructure protection policies and practices; assessments of existing watershed support facilities and condition assessment of dams and facilities.

*Experience in review of reservoir monitoring programs for sufficiency to meet source water protection goals; evaluation of drought response practices including use of secondary source water supplies and calculation of reservoir capacity loss during drought conditions and sediment accumulation using bathymetric surveys and sub-bottom profiles.

*Manpower availability and ability to complete assignments within time and budget.

*Overall team approach to utilize, manage, and coordinate assigned tasks of the Minority/Women Business Enterprises partners to conform to City MBE/WBE goals.

Services will include review of available information, project management, contract administration, investigation, design, developing and implementing public information and education programs, emergency services, preparation of reports and contract documents, including construction cost estimates and permit applications.

The engineering services will be for a period of 2 years and the estimated cost of these services is \$2,000,000.00. At the option of the City, the consultant may subsequently be considered for post award engineering services.

Should you have any questions regarding the scope of the Project, please contact Mr. Gurminder Singh at (410) 396-5385 or by e-mail at Gurminder.Singh@baltimorecity.gov.

Projects must comply with the 2006 edition

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of "The Specifications for Materials, Highways, Bridges, Utilities and Incidental Structures". City personnel will utilize the City of Baltimore Guidelines for the Performance Evaluation of Design Consultants and Construction Contractors for this contract/project.

Prequalification Requirement

All firms listed in the specific proposal for the Project **must** be prequalified by the Office of Boards and Commissions for each applicable discipline *at time of submittal* for this Project. *A copy of the prime and sub consultant's current Prequalification Certificate should be included in the bid submittal package.* Information regarding the prequalification process can be obtained by calling the Office of Boards and Commissions on 410.396.6883.

Submittal Process

Firms interested in submitting a proposal for this Project, shall address a "Letter of Interest" to the Office of Boards and Commissions, 4 South Frederick Street, 4th Floor, Baltimore, Maryland, 21202 (EMAIL: OBC.Consultants@baltimorecity.gov). Letters of Interest will be utilized to assist small minority and women business enterprises in identifying potential teaming partners and should be submitted within five (5) days of the date of the project's advertisement. The Letter of Interest must contain the name of number of your contact person. Failure to submit a "Letter of Interest" will not disqualify a firm submitting a proposal for the project.

The prime consultant applying for this Project will be required to complete and submit an original Federal Form 255, along with **five (5)** copies, to the Office of Boards and Commissions. The Federal Form 255 and the five copies must be submitted on or before 12:00 P.M. (**Noon**) on **Friday, March 12, 2020**. Submittals may not be accepted after this deadline.

Insurance Requirements

The consultant selected for the award of this project shall provide professional liability, auto liability, and general liability and workers' compensation insurances as required by the City of Baltimore.

MBE/WBE Requirements

It is the policy of the City of Baltimore to

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promote equal business opportunity in the City's contracting process. Pursuant to Article 5, Subtitle 28 of Baltimore City Code (2000 Edition) – Minority and Women's Business Program, Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) and Women's Business Enterprise (WBE) participation goals apply to this contract.

The MBE goal is 30%
The WBE goal is 15%

MBE Sub Goals:

African American 4.2% Hispanic American 1.79%

Both the proposed Minority and Women's Business Enterprise firms must be named and identified as an MBE or WBE within Item 6 of the Standard Form (SF) 255 in the spaces provided for identifying outside key consultants/associates anticipated for utilization for this project.

Any submittals that do not include the proper MBE/WBE (in some instances DBE) participation will be disapproved for further consideration for this project.

Verifying Certification

The firm submitting a SF 255 for consideration for a project is responsible for verifying that all MBEs and WBEs to be utilized on the project are certified by the Minority and Women's Business Opportunity Office (MWBOO) prior to submitting the proposal. A directory of certified MBEs and WBEs is available from MWBOO. Since changes to the directory occur daily, firms submitting SF 255s should call MWBOO at (410) 396-4355 to verify certification, expiration dates and services that the MBE or WBE is certified to provide.

Non-Affiliation

A firm submitting a proposal may not use an MBE or WBE to meet a contract goal if:

1. The firm has a financial interest in the MBE or WBE
2. The firm has an interest in the ownership or control of the MBE or WBE
3. The firm is significantly involved in the operation of the MBE or WBE (Article 5, Subtitle 28-41).

Local Law Hiring

Article 5, Subtitle 27 of the Baltimore City Code, as amended (the "Local Hiring Law")

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and its rules and regulations apply to contracts and agreements executed by the City on or after the Local Hiring Law's effective date of December 23, 2013 which is applicable to all vendors. The Local Hiring Law applies to every contract for more than \$300,000 made by the City, or on its behalf, with any person. It also applies to every agreement authorizing assistance valued at more than \$5,000,000 to a City-subsidized project. Please visit www.oedworks.com for detailed on the requirements of the law.

Additional Information

A firm submitting as a prime consultant that fails to comply with the requirements of Article 5, Subtitle 28 of Baltimore City Code when executing a contract is subject to the following penalties: suspension of a contract; withholding of funds; rescission of contract based on material breach; disqualification as a consultant from eligibility to provide services to the City for a period not to exceed 2 years; and payment for damages incurred by the City.

A resume for each person listed as key personnel and/or specialist, including those from MBE and WBE firms, must be shown on the page provided within the application.

Please be advised that for the purpose of reviewing price proposals and invoices, the City of Baltimore defines a principal of a firm as follows:

A principal is any individual owning 5% or more of the outstanding stock of an entity, a partner of a partnership, a 5% or more shareholder of a sub-chapter 'S' Corporation, or an individual owner.

Out-of-State Corporations must identify their corporate resident agent within the application.

Firms will not be considered for a specific project if they apply as both a sub-consultant and prime consultant.

The applications for this Project (Form 255) cannot be supplemented with any additional information such as graphs, photographs, organization chart, etc. All such information should be incorporated into the appropriate pages. Applications should not be bound. Applications should simply be stapled in the upper left-hand corner. Cover sheets should not be included. Inclusion and/or submittal of additional material may result in the

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applicant being disqualified from consideration for this project.

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Deena Joyce, Chief,
Office of Boards and Commissions

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION CITY OF BALTIMORE OFFICE OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS PUBLIC NOTICE PROCUREMENT OF CONSULTANT SERVICES

PROJECT # 1333 – LIQUID OXYGEN PLANT REHABILITATION AT PATAPSCO WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

The City of Baltimore Office of Boards and Commissions has been requested by the Department of Public Works, Office of Engineering and Construction, to certify the qualifications of Engineering Firms to perform design ENGINEERING SERVICES for the Liquid Oxygen Plant Rehabilitation at Patapsco Wastewater Treatment Plant. One (1) firm will be selected to perform this project managed by the Office of Engineering and Construction.

The Firms interested in providing these services must demonstrate and document:

*Experience in the evaluation; preparation of preliminary engineering reports and design of rehabilitation work on existing liquid oxygen plants and new vacuum swing adsorption plants.

*Experience in completing rehabilitation of existing systems and construction of new systems including development of innovative methods to upgrade, repair and replace existing system to improve system efficiency and reliability while maintaining plant operations during construction.

*Manpower availability and ability to complete assignments within time and budget.

*Experience in preparation of Bid Documents and Cost Estimates including QA/QC procedures to be performed at critical stages.

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*Overall team approach to utilize, manage, and coordinate assigned tasks of the Minority/Women Business Enterprises partners to conform to City MBE/WBE goals.

Services will include review of available information, project management, contract administration, investigation, design, developing and implementing public information and education programs, emergency services, preparation of reports and contract documents, including construction cost estimates and permit applications.

The engineering services will be for a period of 2 years and the estimated cost of these services is \$1,200,000.00. At the option of the City, the consultant may subsequently be considered for post award engineering services.

Should you have any questions regarding the scope of the Project, please contact Mr. Gurminder Singh at (410) 396-5385 or by e-mail at Gurminder.Singh@baltimorecity.gov

Projects must comply with the 2006 edition of "The Specifications for Materials, Highways, Bridges, Utilities and Incidental Structures". City personnel will utilize the City of Baltimore Guidelines for the Performance Evaluation of Design Consultants and Construction Contractors for this contract/project.

Prequalification Requirement

All firms listed in the specific proposal for the Project **must** be prequalified by the Office of Boards and Commissions for each applicable discipline *at time of submittal* for this Project. *A copy of the prime and sub consultant's current Prequalification Certificate should be included in the bid submittal package.* Information regarding the prequalification process can be obtained by calling the Office of Boards and Commissions on 410.396.6883.

Submittal Process

Firms interested in submitting a proposal for this Project, shall address a "Letter of Interest" to the Office of Boards and Commissions, 4 South Frederick Street, 4th Floor, Baltimore, Maryland, 21202 (EMAIL: OBC.Consultants@baltimorecity.gov). Letters of Interest will be utilized to assist small minority and women business enterprises in identifying potential teaming partners and should be

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submitted within five (5) days of the date of the project's advertisement. The Letter of Interest must contain the name of number of your contact person. Failure to submit a "Letter of Interest" will not disqualify a firm submitting a proposal for the project.

The prime consultant applying for this Project will be required to complete and submit an original Federal Form 255, along with **five (5)** copies, to the Office of Boards and Commissions. The Federal Form 255 and the five copies must be submitted on or before 12:00 P.M. (Noon) on **March 12, 2021**. Submittals will not be accepted after this deadline.

Insurance Requirements

The consultant selected for the award of this project shall provide professional liability, auto liability, and general liability and workers' compensation insurances as required by the City of Baltimore.

MBE/WBE Requirements

It is the policy of the City of Baltimore to promote equal business opportunity in the City's contracting process. Pursuant to Article 5, Subtitle 28 of Baltimore City Code (2000 Edition) – Minority and Women's Business Program, Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) and Women's Business Enterprise (WBE) participation goals apply to this contract.

The MBE goal is **30%**

The WBE goal is **15%**

MBE Sub Goals:

African American 4.2% Hispanic American 1.79%

Both the proposed Minority and Women's Business Enterprise firms must be named and identified as an **MBE or WBE within Item 6 of the Standard Form (SF) 255** in the spaces provided for identifying outside key consultants/associates anticipated for utilization for this project.

Any submittals that do not include the proper MBE/WBE (in some instances DBE) participation will be disapproved for further consideration for this project.

Verifying Certification

The firm submitting a SF 255 for consideration for a project is responsible for verifying that all MBEs and WBEs to be utilized on the project are certified by the Minority and

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Women's Business Opportunity Office (MWBOO) prior to submitting the proposal. A directory of certified MBEs and WBEs is available from MWBOO. Since changes to the directory occur daily, firms submitting SF 255s should call MWBOO at (410) 396-4355 to verify certification, expiration dates and services that the MBE or WBE is certified to provide.

Non-Affiliation

A firm submitting a proposal may not use an MBE or WBE to meet a contract goal if:

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3. The firm is significantly involved in the operation of the MBE or WBE (Article 5, Subtitle 28-41).

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Additional Information

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more of the outstanding stock of an entity, a partner of a partnership, a 5% or more shareholder of a sub-chapter 'S' Corporation, or an individual owner.

Out-of-State Corporations must identify their corporate resident agent within the application.

Firms will not be considered for a specific project if they apply as both a sub-consultant and prime consultant.

The applications for this Project (Standard Form 255) cannot be supplemented with any additional information such as graphs, photographs, organization chart, etc. All such information should be incorporated into the appropriate pages. Applications should not be bound. Applications should simply be stapled in the upper left-hand corner. Cover sheets should not be included. Inclusion and/or submittal of additional material may result in the applicant being disqualified from consideration for this project.

Please Note: Failure to follow directions of this advertisement or the application will cause disqualification of the submittal

Sincerely,

Deena Joyce (AEAC) Executive Secretary
Chief, Office of Boards and Commissions

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION

CITY OF BALTIMORE OFFICE OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS PUBLIC NOTICE

PROJECT NO. 1340 – ON-CALL DESIGN CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR BRIDGES, STRUCTURES AND ASSOCIATED PROJECTS

The City of Baltimore Office of Boards & Commissions has been requested by the Department of Transportation, Transportation Engineering and Construction Division to certify the qualifications of engineering firms to provide various on-call engineering services for the proposed improvements to the City's system of Streets and Highways for a three-year contract with two optional extensions of up to one year each.

Once the Architectural Engineering Awards Committee (AEAC) has approved the recommended award of this Project; this procurement will follow Competitive

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Negotiation Selection procedures provided and directed by Baltimore City Department of Transportation (BCDOT).

The scope of on-call bridge design services would include replacement or rehabilitation design of bridge structures, geotechnical design services/soil borings, right of way appraisals/documentation, obtaining permits, roadway design, pavement design, ADA pedestrian facilities, storm drainage, street lighting, electric duct banks, traffic control, erosion and sediment control, surveys, landscaping, planning, environmental site assessments, writing specifications, developing cost estimates, preparing advertisement contract documents, shop drawing reviews, construction phase services and reviews, coordination with utility/railroad owners and other outside agencies, and other related civil and structural engineering tasks. The scope of services may also include providing on-site project management and/or inspectors, support staff, GIS and IT support and other miscellaneous tasks for various Capital Improvement Projects. Responsibilities will include preparation of construction contract documents including plans and specifications for bid.

Shortlisted firms will be invited to conduct a presentation and interview session. The criteria to be used for interview session will be mailed to shortlisted firms along with interview invitation.

Project design fees have been estimated at \$2,000,000 per consultant. Duration of the professional services contract is estimated to be three (3) years with two (2) optional extensions of up to one (1) additional year each or until the upset limit is reached, whichever occurs first. Three (3) consultants will be awarded contracts. If further information is required regarding this request, please contact Mr. Scott Weaver at scott.weaver@baltimorecity.gov. Projects must comply with the 2006 edition of "The Specifications for Materials, Highways, Bridges, Utilities and Incidental Structures." City personnel will also utilize the "City of Baltimore Guidelines for The Performance Evaluation of Design Consultants and Construction Contractors" for this contract/project.

Firms intending to submit a proposal as a prime consultant for this project should submit a "Letter of Interest" to the Office of Boards and Commissions, 4 South Freder-

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ick Street, 4th floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21202 (EMAIL: OBC.Consultants@baltimorecity.gov), Attention: Ms. Deena Joyce. Since these letters are utilized to assist small, minority and women business enterprises in identifying potential teaming partners, the letters should be submitted within five (5) days of the date of the project's advertisement. The letter should contain a contact person. Failure to submit a "Letter of Interest" will not disqualify a firm submitting a proposal for the project.

Each prime consultant applying for this Project will be required to complete and submit an original Standard Form 255, along with **five (5) copies** to the Office of Boards and Commissions, 4 South Frederick Street, 4th floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21202 (EMAIL: OBC.Consultants@baltimorecity.gov). The Standard Form 255 and the five copies must be submitted on or before 12:00 P.M. (Noon) on **March 12, 2021**. Submittals will not be accepted after this deadline.

Insurance Requirements

Insurance Requirements: \$5,000,000.00

The consultant selected for the award of this project shall provide professional liability, auto liability, and general liability and workers' compensation **insurances as required by the City of Baltimore**.

Interested firm/consultant shall provide the city with a certificate of insurance evidencing the coverage required. The firm shall provide certificates of insurance before commencing work in connection with the contract.

The firm shall advise the city and by first-class certified mail within two (2) business days of any cancellation, non-renewal, or other termination of, or any substantive change to any insurance policy providing or represented as providing the coverages mandated. Failure to do so shall be considered as a material breach of the agreement.

Liability:

The firm/consultant shall be and remain liable, in accordance with applicable law, for all damages to the Baltimore City caused by its acts or omissions related to any of the work furnished under this solicitation, to the extent such damage is caused by its acts or omissions within the scope of provision of goods and services under the contract, and to the

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extent it would be liable to the City for such damage under any applicable legal theory.

Prequalification Certification Requirement

All architectural, engineering, and surveying firms listed in the specific proposal for the Project must be prequalified by the Office of Boards and Commissions for each applicable discipline at time of submittal for this Project. Information regarding prequalification certification can be obtained by contacting the Office at 410-396-6883.

MBE/WBE Requirements

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The WBE goal is 14%

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Verifying Certification

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Non-Affiliation

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2. The firm has an interest in the ownership

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or control of the MBE or WBE

3. The firm is significantly involved in the operation of the MBE or WBE (Article 5 subtitle 28-41).

A firm submitting as a prime consultant that fails to comply with the requirements of Article 5, Subtitle 28 of Baltimore City Code when executing a contract is subject to the following penalties: suspension of a contract; withholding of funds; rescission of contract based on material breach; disqualification as a consultant from eligibility to provide services to the City for a period not to exceed 2 years; and payment for damages incurred by the City.

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Deena Joyce, Chief
Office of Boards and Commissions

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BERKELEY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

In the matter of: The Adoption of LIAM RUSSELL BLICKENSTAFF-RAMOS, an infant.

CASE NO. 21-A-1

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

The object of the above proceeding is to obtain a termination of the parental rights of Kiana S. Blickenstaff-Ramos, and to change the name of the said infant. Take notice that a hearing will be held before the Honorable Steven Redding, Judge, Circuit Court of Berkeley County, West Virginia, on the 22nd day of February 2021, at 10:30 o'clock a.m. at which time you may be present to protect your interests.

A copy of the petition filed in this matter may be obtained in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Berkeley County, West Virginia.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that this lien sale shall be conducted online at www.storage-treasures.com where additional information about the sale and the contents to be auctioned will be posted at least three (3) days before the sale date. The contents will be sold to the highest bidder on 02/09/2021 at 2pm

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Unit 3109 — Beard, Ernest L.

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CITY OF BALTIMORE
OFFICE OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
PUBLIC NOTICE
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
PROJECT NO. 1353 – FOOD WASTE AND RECYCLING

CITYWIDE WASTE REDUCTION AND DIVERSION ACTIVITIES

The City of Baltimore Office of Boards and Commissions has been requested by the Baltimore City Department of Public Works (DPW) Bureau of Solid Waste to request information from businesses and/or other entities that may be interested in partnering with the City of Baltimore (City) to implement waste reduction activities citywide, consistent with the City's planning and operational documents related to waste reduction. DPW seeks responses to the questions listed in the "RESPONSES" section of this Request for Information (RFI). DPW may use the information collected through this RFI to plan for future waste diversion costs and draft a potential Request for Proposals (RFP). DPW reserves the right to cancel the Project and not issue an RFP.

Should you have any questions regarding the scope of the project, please contact **Ms. Kristyn Oldendorf at (410) 396-1185** or by email at Kristyn.Oldendorf@baltimorecity.gov.

Waste Reduction Goals

In August 2020, Baltimore City's Department of Public Works (DPW), Bureau of Solid Waste released the [Less Waste Better Baltimore \(LWBB\) Plan](#), the result of a multi-year planning process led by waste consultants, Geosyntec Consultants. LWBB aligns with the waste reduction goals outlined in the [2019 Baltimore Sustainability Plan \(BSP\)](#) and the [Baltimore Food Waste and Recovery Strategy](#). These represent a concerted effort to advance planning and implementation in support of waste flows focused on improving public health and environmental justice. Tangible progress on the goals and objectives outlined in LWBB and BSP requires robust public-private partnerships (PPP) to leverage the ingenuity of the private sector to implement programming that improves waste management and benefits Baltimore.

Municipal solid waste (MSW) management in Baltimore entails the collection, diversion and processing of recycling and refuse materials. Currently, DPW provides trash collection and recycling services to approximately 200,000 addresses in the City, the vast majority being residential. With the release of DPW's LWBB plan, the City is exploring options for smarter, more environmentally sustainable waste reduction strategies in five primary focus areas:

1. Organics waste reduction and diversion
 - a. Food waste reduction and diversion
 - b. Yard waste diversion
2. Improving and expanding recyclables collection and processing
3. Construction and demolition (C&D) reuse and diversion
4. Bulk waste recycling and reuse
5. Updating residential drop-off centers

Table 1 below outlines the total amount of waste diversion potential in Baltimore based on 2017 waste collection data analyzed by Geosyntec. In an effort to save on operating costs, Baltimore is most interested in ideas, projects and programs that can divert a minimum of 5% of any of the waste categories listed in Table 1 from the MSW stream in a 12-month period.

Waste Category	Maximum Potential (Tons)	5% Minimum Target (Tons)
Food Waste Reduction	72,400	3,620
Residential Organics Diversion	42,800	2,140
Commercial Organics Diversion	35,500	1,775
Improved Recycling Collection	84,200	4,210
Expanded Recycling Collection	69,300	3,465
C&D Reuse and Reduction	28,400	1,420
C&D Diversion	200,100	10,005
Bulk Waste Diversion	4,100	205
Drop-Off Center Improvements	16,100	805
Total	552,900	27,645

Based on the potential diversion detailed in Table 1, DPW is requesting information on the best diversion and processing options for industries, businesses, organizations, non-profits, engineering firms, solid waste associations, and others willing to work with the City to implement waste reduction programming. In alignment with the LWBB report, DPW has an interest in processes and operations for diverting organic and C&D waste and exploring options for recycling and/or processing items such as glass, metal, cardboard and other materials listed in Table 1.

Submittal Process

Each consultant responding to this Request For Information (RFI) will be required to complete and submit an original Federal Form 255, along with five (5) copies to the Office of Boards and Commissions on or prior to the due date. The Federal Form 255 cannot be supplemented with additional pages, and the five copies must be submitted on or before 12:00PM (NOON) by **Friday, March 5, 2021**. Submittals *will not* be accepted after this deadline.

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Letters of Interest

Organizations interested in submitting information for this project shall address a "Letter of Interest" to the Office of Boards and Commissions, 4 South Frederick Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202 or you may email: obc.consultants@baltimorecity.gov. These letters are utilized to assist the Bureau of Solid Waste to identify potential teaming partners.

MBE/WBE Requirements

It is the policy of the City of Baltimore to promote equal business opportunity in the City's contracting process. Pursuant to Article 5 Subtitle 28 of Baltimore City Code (2000 Edition) - Minority and Women's Business Program, Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) and Women's Business Enterprise (WBE) must adhere to participation goals if applicable to a contract. If the determination is made to include MBE/WBE goals in a future RFP, the requirements relative to the post-award contract performance will be applicable.

The standard Baltimore City MBE/WBE goals are as follows:

The MBE goal is 27%

The WBE goal is 10%

These goals are subject to changed based on the specifications and segmentation of work associated with a contract.

Sincerely,

Deena Joyce, Executive Secretary (AEAC)
Chief for Office of Boards and Commissions



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