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Kids Idea Tank Seeking Baltimore Entrepreneurs



Kierra Perkins, a 13-year-old from Tennessee, took home first prize for her "Kandle" business. Kierra began her business, Kandles By Kierra," at the age of 11 after making a "kandle" for her dad for Father's Day. (See article on page 8) Courtesy Photo/Kids Idea Tank

UMMS Appoints System's First Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer

Baltimore— The University of Maryland Medical System (UMMS) has recruited a physician with deep roots in addressing healthcare inequities over a career spanning nearly three decades, and lived experiences in inner city America, to serve as the System's first-ever Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer (CDEIO).

Roderick K. King, MD, MPH will join UMMS this summer and will be tasked with working collaboratively across the System to develop a long-term roadmap for diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) that aligns with the System's strategic plan.

"One of the things that excites me most about this position is the kind of far-reaching impact my role could have on the health of people in the state of Maryland," said Dr. King. "In addition, because this role is one of the first of its kind in a large health care system, UMMS is at the forefront of leading a movement. I believe that increasingly, health care systems are recognizing the importance of a role like mine in their C-suite. We have an opportunity here to demonstrate measurable results in health improvements in diverse populations that can lead to the adoption of best practices nationwide. I have done a lot of work with hospitals, health plans and community-based organizations during my career and am encouraged that UMMS is making great strides to integrate strategies for diversity, equity and inclusion into hospital planning at the highest levels."

Dr. King currently serves as Chief



Dr. Roderick K. King joins the health system this summer to begin implementing a long-term roadmap addressing health inequities in communities across the state.

Courtesy Photo/UMMS

Executive Officer of the Florida Institute for Health Innovation and in multiple roles at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, where he is Senior Associate Dean of Diversity, Inclusion and Community Engagement; Director of the MD/MPH Program; and an associate professor in the Department of Public Health Sciences and the Department of Pediatrics. He also serves as an associate professor at the University of Miami Business School in the Department of Healthcare Management

and Policy. Dr. King will join UMMS this summer.

"With his breadth of experiences as a practicing clinician, a professor and an administrator at an academic medical institution, and in health policy with the federal government addressing underserved communities, Dr. King stood out among the candidates," said Mohan Suntha, MD, MBA, President and CEO of UMMS. "His personal experiences with diverse and underserved communities will be invaluable in leading our efforts at building individual, institutional and community excellence in health equity across the communities we serve."

Among Dr. King's responsibilities will be building organizational goals and fostering institutional change; integrating DEI work into the operations of the System and providing executive level guidance and direction to incorporating DEI best practices. He will also be charged with developing and executing a training and education strategy focused on increasing awareness, knowledge and skills of UMMS staff for diversity, equity and inclusion.

"My passion for this work stems from my lived experiences," said Dr. King, a native of Brooklyn, NY. "I grew up in the inner-city, at a time when youth violence and health issues, particularly in communities of color, were a huge challenge." Dr. King's father was a

primary care physician in Brooklyn for more than four decades, caring for the underserved and addressing issues of health inequalities his patients experienced when treated at larger health systems.

"The issues around access to care and having providers as a trusted messenger have been around for decades," Dr. King added, noting the COVID-19 pandemic has "lifted up the rock so we can see all of the inequalities that exist and that we as a health system need to tackle if we are going to truly be committed to improving the health of the people and communities we serve."

Dr. King said among his biggest challenges, will be tackling issues of health inequality in communities and counties across the UMMS footprint that is very different. "The key will be assessing what the equity and diversity issues are in each of the System's service areas and identifying strategies unique to each in order to move the needle on addressing these health inequalities and optimizing health and wellness."

"My experience is that if you've seen one community, you've seen one community," Dr. King added. "If you are truly going to tackle equity and diversity and effect long-standing change, you have to address the challenges and problems that are unique to each geographic area."

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Guest Editorials/Commentary

Paul Robeson, a renaissance man of the twentieth century

By Dr. Ken Morgan

Paul Robeson's birthday, (April 9, 1898) ignites a unique spirit in me. Robeson's name remains underground with a black mark through it in the annals of history even today.

Robeson's Somerville High School prowess in Princeton provided an inkling of why he now characterizes the moniker as the twentieth-century Renaissance man. He excelled academically, becoming the class valedictorian and winning a statewide scholarship to Rutgers University. In the arts, he sang in the choir and performed in *Julius Caesar* and *Othello*. As an athlete, he lettered in football, basketball, baseball, and track.

Robeson became a Rutgers University scholar-athlete from 1915-19 and tabbed as an All-American twice. After graduating from Rutgers, he trained to become a lawyer at Columbia University. He played in the NFL for several years and continued to reach the heights of a world-leading concert singer and actor in the 1920s, 1930s and 1940s. Brother Robeson recorded almost 300 songs, primarily spirituals, and work pieces worldwide in his deep baritone voice. "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder" and "Old Man River" still resonate with his name.

The plays, *Emperor Jones* and *Othello*, forever continue to be synonymous with the name of Paul Robeson. On film, he received acclaim for movies such as *Show Boat* and *Sanders of the River*.

Robeson raised funds to fight back against Franco of Spain fascism. He supported the allied forces in WWII against fascist Adolph Hitler's regime. During the middle 1930s to 1940, he became involved in the Council of African Affairs, a group that called for colonized Africa's independence from European colonial, plunder and rule.

According to the book *Paul Robeson Speaks*, on his first trip to the Soviet Union, he said, "Here I am not a Negro but a human being for the first time in my life ... I walk in full human dignity,"

In the summer of 1946, Robeson met with President Harry Truman and admonished him for his failure to repress lynchings, saying that Blacks would do it themselves if he could not do it.

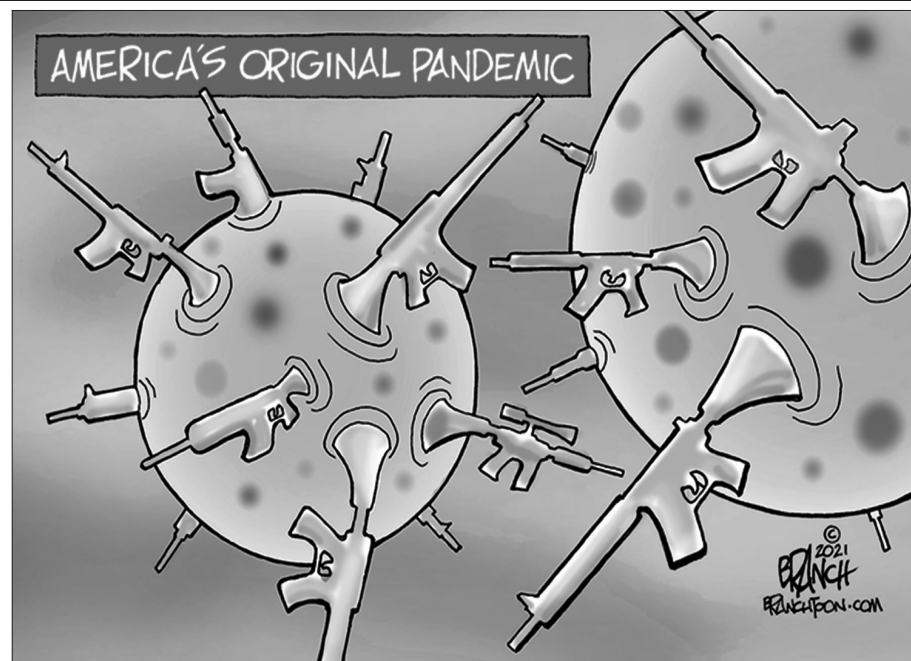
The U.S. Congressional House Un-American Committee member said if he liked Russia so much, why did he not stay? Robeson told in his book *Here I Stand*, "Because my father was a slave, and my people died to build this country, and I am going to stay right here, and have a part of it just like you."

He earned the McCarthy-era scorn because of his outspokenness against Black oppression through oppressive Jim Crow practices, and his continued praise of the Soviet Union.

If you do not know about Paul Robeson, read his autobiography, *Here I Stand* and the book, *Paul Robeson Speaks*. Search for him in Google and YouTube. If you do know about him, read and look at them again for reference.

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Community Affairs

Maryland Department of Health re-launches CovidCONNECT

Site provides more streamlined user experience, expanded access to COVID-19 clinical study information, community support and mental health resources

Baltimore— The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) relaunched its CovidCONNECT website, offering more streamlined access to comprehensive resources to support Marylanders who have firsthand experience with COVID-19.

Through CovidCONNECT, users are able to find guidance and support from peers who share similar experiences and access resources to promote physical, emotional and mental health.

"As Marylanders continue to get vaccinated in record numbers, we see hope for the future—but we still need ways to come together to cope with the losses of the past year," said MDH Acting Secretary Dennis R. Schrader. "We hope CovidCONNECT can help more Marylanders who are struggling with this

pandemic by finding support and building community."

Re-launching CovidCONNECT opens the site to the public and allows for more expansive reach of resources, including new features like CovidCONNECTIONS—stories from real Marylanders who have personally felt the impact of the virus. The site will soon feature COVID stories from all 24 Maryland jurisdictions and will also increase its mental health support offerings, including a regular webinar series on coping with the pandemic.

CovidCONNECT first launched in May 2020 as a registration-only platform for people who tested positive or who recovered from COVID-19.

"Many Marylanders are experiencing significant mental health impacts as a result of having had COVID-19, prolonged isolation, financial stresses, grief from losing loved ones and general life disruption," said BHA Deputy Secretary Dr. Aliya Jones. "We can find renewed strength and learn how to move forward by sharing our experiences, resources and support with one another."

Learn more at covidconnect.health.maryland.gov.

The American Rescue Plan:

Changing the Course of the Pandemic for All Americans

By U.S. Congressman James E. Clyburn (D-SC-6)

It has been a little more than a year since COVID-19 was officially discovered within the boundaries of the United States. It has been devastating to communities of color.

The statistics are sobering. Blacks represent only 13-percent of the U.S. population, but account for nearly 24-percent of age-adjusted COVID-19 deaths. In January, nine percent of Black workers or 1.8 million people in our communities were unemployed. One in five Black households are struggling with food insufficiency, and more than a third of Black renters are behind on their rent payments.

President Joe Biden has responded to this worldwide pandemic with The American Rescue Plan (ARP), which he signed into law last month, just 51 days after he took office. The ARP will help

change the course of the pandemic and deliver immediate relief for hard-hit communities of color. This transformative law invests in a national vaccination program and the safe reopening of schools. It distributes \$360 billion in emergency funding for state

The first \$600 payments per eligible person were distributed in December and January. These two direct payments deliver on the \$2,000 per person in pandemic relief that Democrats campaigned on last November.

The American Rescue Plan also

consultants. And, it provides \$28 billion for a new grant program to revitalize hard-hit small restaurants and other food and drinking establishments.

The American Rescue Plan is the first piece of legislation passed by the 117th Congress and signed by President Biden to rescue our economy and repair some of our faults that are being exasperated by COVID-19. On March 30th President Biden rolled out his American Jobs Plan. That plan proposes to: Fix highways, rebuild bridges, upgrade ports, airports and transit systems; deliver clean drinking water, a renewed electric grid, and high-speed broadband to all Americans; build, preserve, and retrofit more than two million homes and commercial buildings, modernize our nation's schools and child care facilities, and upgrade veterans' hospitals and federal buildings.

These actions demonstrate President Biden's and Congressional Democrats' commitment to building America back better than it was before the virus visited. This is not the end of his build back better plan. There is a third iteration on the way.

During his victory speech last November, President Biden pledged to always have the backs of the African American community. We will continue fighting to ensure that, in the short term, Black communities have access to all the tools necessary to recover from the economic and personal devastation wrought by this pandemic; and in the long term, address the impacts of historic disparate treatment against communities of color.

“The American Rescue Plan also addresses inequities in access to pandemic resources by making significant investments into small, Black businesses by providing \$50 billion for new and existing small business relief programs. This legislation bolsters the Paycheck Protection Program with an additional \$7.25 billion in funding to support small businesses and non-profits that were previously excluded.”

and local governments to keep front line public workers on the job and help maintain essential services. These targeted investments will directly benefit your communities and help them return safely to normal.

The ARP also provides direct benefits for you and your family. It delivers immediate relief to families by devoting \$1 trillion towards economic recovery for working families including direct relief payments, extension of unemployment insurance benefits, increasing child and earned income tax credits, and increasing SNAP benefits.

Many of you may have already received the \$1,400 direct payment per eligible member of your household. Because of misinformation that is being shared via social media, I want to clarify that this is the second of two payments.

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It allocates \$15 billion in flexible grants to help the smallest; most severely impacted businesses persevere through the pandemic. It deploys community navigators to increase awareness of and participation in COVID-19 relief programs for small business owners who currently lack access, especially underserved entrepreneurs without banking relationships, lawyers, accountants, and

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National Association of Black Accountants welcomes new president

By Stacy M. Brown

The National Association of Black Accountants, Inc. (NABA), a nonprofit membership association dedicated to bridging the opportunity gap for Black professionals in the accounting, finance, and related business professions, is continuing its work to bridge existing gaps for people of color—particularly women—in the accounting and finance industry.

The organization recently announced the selection of Guylaine Saint Juste as president and CEO.

Saint Juste succeeds Walter J. Smith. “As the CEO of NABA, Inc., we are reimagining how our next 50 years will look as we continue to advocate for diversity, equity, and inclusion, not only in the accounting and financial sector but in corporate America,” Saint Juste said in an email. “We have made great progress, but there is a long journey ahead of us as we strive to attain fair and equitable representation.”

Guylaine formerly worked as the managing director, Employer of Influence Strategy at Year Up.

This nonprofit organization provides students of color the opportunity to experience careers in business and technology.

“Guylaine is a transformational leader who will lead NABA into the next 50 years,” NABA, Inc. board chairman Herschel Frierson remarked in a news release. “We are excited and honored to have Guylaine lead this great Association we love. Her skills, dedication, and commitment will build upon the already solid foundation of ‘Lifting As We Climb.’”

At NABA, Saint Juste plans to design and execute the organization’s multi-year strategic plan.



(Left) Guylaine Saint Juste is president and CEO of the National Association of Black Accountants, Inc. She has more than 25 years of experience in financial services. She has served as the Business Banking Virginia Market Executive with Capital One Bank.

She will provide primary oversight for NABA’s national office in Greenbelt, Maryland.

A Haitian-American, Saint Juste has more than 25 years of experience in financial services. She has served as the Business Banking Virginia Market Executive with Capital One Bank.

At Year Up, she increased revenue by over 30 percent, doubled the number of students in the program, and grew corporate partnerships by 31 percent.

NABA officials are expecting more of the same from Saint Juste.

“We are dedicated to bridging the wealth and income gap in America by creating initiatives that build a pipeline to increase representation in the field,” Saint Juste said. “Representation at every level is important. NABA will continue to create dynamic and game-changing programming that supports the



development of 21st-century skills that foster the promotion and advancement of Black leaders and identify innovative paths to increase representation in the C-Suite and beyond.”

She noted that companies play a significant role in bridging the gap in the accounting and financial industry.

“Along with our partners that are committed to diversity and inclusion, we offer ever-evolving programs, networking opportunities, scholarships, and meaningful career connections to our members,” Saint Juste said.

Saint Juste also touted the Women of NABA Network (WONN) as a means to helping achieve the organization’s goals. The WONN is a professional and personal development program focused on our women members.

“Our Women of NABA Network equips women with the needed tools to

achieve their goals while navigating the challenges of being a professional woman in today’s world,” Saint Juste said.

NABA officials called Guylaine a leader in the boardroom for her executive roles and her activist spirit.

They said she fights issues in the industry such as tackling colorism in the workforce, the “four-year degree required” for entry-level to middle-skills jobs, pedigree as a barrier to advancement for opportunity youth, and the interdependence of equity and economic mobility.

“I am honored to join NABA Nation and look forward to serving this great organization,” Guylaine said. “I welcome the opportunity to connect with many as we chart the path for the next five years.”

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Tyus Bowser happy to be back with Ravens

By Tyler Hamilton

Entering the free agent period with multiple pass rushers with expiring contracts was an unforgiving situation for the Baltimore Ravens. Defensive coordinator Don 'Wink' Martindale likes to get after the quarterbacks. The outside linebackers play a key role in executing Martindale's plan.

All was not lost when Ravens' free agent pass rushers Matthew Judon and Yannick Ngakoue signed free agent deals with the New England Patriots and Las Vegas Raiders, respectively. That's because the Ravens were able to bring back a young, up and coming player in Tyus Bowser.

Bowser signed a four-year, \$22-million contract with the Ravens last month. This comes after he finished last season with 34 tackles, two sacks and a career high three interceptions go along with 14 QB hits.

The goal for Bowser is to pickup where he left off last season.

"With the defense that we had [and] the



Tyus Bowser signed a four-year, \$22-million contract with the Ravens last month after he finished last season with 34 tackles, two sacks and a career high three interceptions go along with 14 QB hits. Courtesy Photo/BaltimoreRavens.com.

.scheme, I fit in so well with that defense. Just the culture, the guys there [and] the family atmosphere with the

organization, I definitely wanted to stay and be with [that]," Bowser said at a press conference after he was re-signed by Baltimore. "Fortunately, we were able to work it out. We were able to work out a deal. It's nice to be back for another four years. I'm happy."

The Ravens selected Bowser with the No. 47 overall pick in the 2017 NFL Draft. He became a starter last season. Entering his fifth year, Bowser has set his sights on becoming a team leader.

"Yes, I feel like that would be a big step for me coming into this year, being a fifth-year guy [and] a fifth-year vet with a young team. To be able to lead that group, lead this defense and also lead this team to where we want to be, and that's to win a Super Bowl. So, I feel like I'll definitely be moving to a bigger role, which I feel like I'm ready for," Bowser said.

Bowser singled out past leaders such as Judon, Pernell McPhee and Terrell Suggs as players he learned from when he first entered the NFL. He is confident that they taught him the necessary qualities to move into a bigger leadership role with the Ravens— and he welcomes the opportunity.

"All of these guys that have been here before," Bowser explained. "Just learning from them and piggybacking off of what they've been doing these past couple of years. I feel like after learning from them, I feel like I'm ready to move into that role."



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Kids Idea Tank Seeking Baltimore Entrepreneurs

By Stacy M. Brown

While on a book tour, children's book author Lowey Bundy Sichol routinely found herself approached by young ones with great ideas.

"So, it came to me," Sichol explained. "That entrepreneurial lightning can strike at any age."

Recognizing that, Sichol started The Kids Idea Tank, where kids up to age 13 can compete for a grand prize of \$1,000. The "Shark Tank"-like finale for the top 20 submissions is scheduled for June 23, 2021.

Sichol says any invention or business concept is eligible, from a germ of an idea to a product prototype. The grand prize will be awarded by a panel of judges, which includes some of the nation's most successful executives and entrepreneurs.

"Because the audience doesn't always agree with the judges, we have an audience favorite prize of \$500 this year," Sichol noted.



The event last year featured more than 20 children who presented their inventions remotely.

Kierra Perkins, a 13-year-old from Tennessee, took home first prize for her "Kandle" business. Sichol said Kierra began her business, "Kandles By Kierra," at the age of 11 after making a "kandle" for her dad for Father's Day.

"She now has a thriving business," Sichol noted.

Sichol says that young ones from around the country, including in Baltimore, are encouraged to participate.

"You have got to have an idea, and it can be anything," Sichol remarked. "We're not looking for rocket ships and going to Mars, but something that can be a reality. We are looking for ideas that can become a business."

Ultimately, Kids Idea Tank counts as a summer entrepreneurship competition for kids age 13 years or younger. It takes place over Zoom, and Sichol says the

mission is to inspire, educate and support future entrepreneurs.

Judging this year's competition are Alli Webb, the co-founder of DryBar and Squeeze, Nykia Wright, the CEO of the Chicago Sun-Times, and Stacy Madison, the founder of Stacy's Pita Chip Company and BeBOLD Bars.

"All you need is a phone or a computer and get online and pitch your ideas," Sichol said. "The judges will assess and come back and announce the winner."

There's no fee to enter, and teamwork is encouraged. "The most successful business founders are those who had more than one person start the business," Sichol stated. For more information and to register, visit <https://www.loweybundysichol.com/kids-idea-tank>.

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Meet the U.S. Naval Academy's First Black Woman Brigade Commander

By Andrea Blackstone

Making it to the United States Naval Academy is already an ambitious feat, but Midshipman First Class Sydney Barber took an extra big leap or two. Barber, a mechanical engineering major who hails from Lake Forest, Illinois, became the first Black woman brigade commander. The ambitious 21-year-old woman will oversee all 4,000 midshipmen within the brigade, until she graduates in May.

"It's the first time that there has been a Black woman who's held this position, and I am extremely humbled, knowing the struggles before me," Barber said. "Being here in this position, I'd say I [have] never also seen someone be a brigade commander, or hold a high position of leadership that was African-American, or female, just in my time here. So what I hope is that people who come after me can look and see themselves I me, and see themselves, not just in the way that I look, but in the way that I lead, and in the way that I conduct myself," Barber said, in an interview with The Baltimore Times.

Barber also remarked that when she came to the Naval Academy, it was not initially on her radar to become the brigade commander. She was on a path to better herself and develop as a leader in the manner in order to be the best version of herself. However, along the way, any opportunity that caused her to stretch and work for new achievement became a part of her journey. Becoming a Navy track and field athlete was one component. In her junior year, she pursued the Truman Scholarship.

The U.S. Naval Academy reported that Barber completed a seven-week internship with the Department of Energy's Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory two summers ago. While there, she was instrumental in doing breakthrough research on bio-electrochemical uses for carbon nanotubes. It was also mentioned that her research in developing legislative strategies to address education disparities in minority communities earned her selection as a 2020 Truman Scholar national finalist.



Midshipman First Class Sydney Barber made history as the U.S. Naval Academy's first Black female brigade commander. Her duties include carrying out the commandant's intent, in addition to the superintendent's. She also reports on what occurs within the brigade. Barber has been actively involved in humanitarian efforts plus she initiated a program to mentor girls of color in STEM. When Barber graduates in May, she strives to commission as a Marine Ground Corps officer.

Courtesy Photo/U.S. Naval Academy

"Sydney stands out among her peers, for not only for her exemplary record, but for her clear vision of how she intends to make the world a better place and her accompanying bias for action," said Lt. Cmdr. Darby Yeager, a member of the U.S. Naval Academy's Truman Scholarship selection committee, adding that they were incredibly proud to have Barber represent the Naval Academy in her Truman Scholarship interview.

Barber remained focused and driven. She continued taking advantage of every opportunity to better herself and when

position, Barber says she felt that there was no better way for her to make an impact on individuals around her.

Barber remains committed to her career and humanitarian service interests, which began with church mission trips to help build houses in the Dominican Republic. She also traveled to India during her formative years. Barber says that giving back to her country was the best avenue to pursue her goal to make an impact on the world at large as best she could.

Although military service is in Barber's blood since her father graduated from the Naval Academy in the class of 1991, this doesn't mean that she hasn't faced her own unique challenges. The loss of a classmate and unexpectedly being faced with leading fellow midshipmen during the pandemic have been two challenging hurdles she has faced as brigade commander. There is no book that could teach her how to be the leader during trying times. She says that she was tasked with finding ways to show people that she cared, while unifying the team.

"There's no leadership book that can tell you exactly what to say, but you have to speak with your heart," Barber said.

Barber gets back to the basics to stay grounded. Sleeping, exercising, meditating and praying are habits she utilizes to push forward and upward.

"My faith is my number one strength for me. I feel like I am nothing without the grace of God."

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Rambling Rose

**Uplifting Minds II Entertainment
Conference Celebrates 22 Years!**



Rosa Pryor Trusty

Hello everyone, I truly hope you enjoyed your Easter weekend. I pray that you and your family are in good health and safe.

This week, I want to talk about a young lady from Baltimore, Eunice Moseley who I have worked with for over 20 years at The Baltimore Times newspaper. Moseley is a syndicated entertainment columnist, singer and president of Freelance Associates, a public relations and business management consulting firm that she moved to Long Beach, California. Moseley has worked as a consultant and adviser on such film projects as "Sister Switch" for co-star singer/actress, Neenah Taylor and Agent Hollywood for lead actor and filmmaker Anthony Michael Hobbs.

Eunice Moseley was born and raised in Baltimore and has helped many talented children with her organization. When she relocated to the Los Angeles area in 2004, she founded and hosted the "Uplifting Minds II" Entertainment Conference annually in Los Angeles as well as her hometown of Baltimore. It's a free entertainment conference.

Moseley holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Telecommunications from Morgan State University, a Masters in Management Technology/Public Relations

and an M.B.A. from University of Maryland's University College and is pursuing a PhD in Management Leadership and Organizational Change at Walden University. Now is she BADDDDDDDDDD! Or Not? There is still so much more about this fantastic talented young lady. I am not finished yet. As a syndicated entertainment columnist, Eunice has an estimated weekly readership of ¼ million people who read her column, "The Pulse of Entertainment," which appears on its website at ThePulseofEntertainment.com and on the website of legendary former radio Jock Lee Bailey's at EURweb.com.

Okay, now that I have given you some background on my dear friend, I want to invite you to her event that I will be a part of as a guest panelist. On Saturday, April 17, 2021, the 22nd Annual Baltimore "Uplifting Minds II" Entertainment Conference takes place virtually via Zoom from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Baltimore's own Doresa Harvey from Magic 95.9 FM will host the event, which opens with industry professionals in a Q&A Session, a professional talent show case and a talent competition with vocals, songwriting, dance and acting.

The industry panelists include: Rosa Pryor (aka) "Rambling Rose" entertainment journalist and columnist with

The Baltimore Times for over 32 years; Paul Gardner, II, the Gardner Law Group in Baltimore; Cheryl Warfield, a Broadway Opera Singer from NY; Nadiyah Kareem, performing arts instructor from NJ; C.I.P., music producer/songwriter & former ULMi winner from Baltimore; Dr. Kerri Moseley-Hobbs, Artist Manager/Film Producer at Imagination Lunchbox, LLC; D. Baldwin, artist manager/producer at Underground Hits Production; Anthony Michael Hobbs, SAG.AFTRA award winning actor/filmmaker; Derek Price, Director Eubie Blake Center and Morris Dickerson, Youth Development Specialist. There will be live entertainment followed by the talent showcase and national talent competition. The conference includes five singers, songwriters, dancers or actors who get four minutes to perform. The industry panel will select a winner from each category to receive the "ULMII Best Artist Award" and over \$16,000 valued in prizes (products and services). So do your thing and check this out.

Well my dear friends, I think I have run out of space, I got to go. If you need me, call me at 410-833-9474 or email me at rosapryor@aol.com. **UNTIL THE NEXT TIME, I'M MUSICALLY YOURS.**



The 22nd Annual Baltimore "Uplifting Minds" Entertainment Conference, will take place virtually on Saturday, April 17, 2021 via Zoom and will be hosted by Baltimore's own Magic 95.9 FM Doresa Harvey.



Eunice Moseley is the Founder/Publisher of "The Pulse of Entertainment" and "Uplifting Minds." See her event on Saturday, April 17 via Zoom video. Congratulations to you Eunice with much love.



Baltimore Jazz artist, Vincent Gross along with other artists such as R&B artist, Shardella Sessions will perform at the 22nd annual Baltimore "Uplifting Minds" Entertainment Conference's Professional Talent Showcase on Saturday, April 17, 2021 held virtually via Zoom from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call 562-424-3836.

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PROJECT NO. 1351 ON-CALL ENGINEERING AND DESIGN SERVICES

The City of Baltimore, Office of Boards and Commissions, has been requested by the Department of Public Works, Office of Engineering and Construction (OEC), to advertise for services from qualified civil engineering firms to perform On-Call Water Design and Engineering Services for the horizontal water utility section.

The City intends to select engineering services of two (2) firms for a period of three (3) years with one two (2) year option at the estimated cost in the amount of \$4,000,000. Each firm shall be allocated a total of \$2,000,000. DPW reserves the right to have a second interview with the eligible firms.

This project will be managed by Mr. Hernan Guadalupe. Should you have any questions regarding the scope of the project, please contact Hernan Guadalupe at (410) 396-8189 or by email at Hernan.Guadalupe@baltimorecity.gov

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

1. Expertise in designing water mains in a utility-rich environment where there is a possibility that not all as-built drawings for existing and abandoned utilities are available.

2. Expertise in providing engineering and design services, including but not limited to field investigations, utility assessment, reporting, design investigations, surveying, right-of-way acquisition, right-of-entry, mapping, sizing of water mains, design of water distribution, and service mains of all material types such as ductile iron or other applicable water distribution materials and associated appurtenances, scope development, design study, design review, utility coordination, drafting, estimating, specifications development, preparing construction documents, quality control, permitting, and coordination of procurement processes of water main projects.

3. Expertise in making recommendations for replacement versus rehabilitation deci-

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sions and rehabilitation of water mains by lining and other trenchless technologies.

4. Expertise in preparing cost estimates, preparation of traffic control plans, erosion and sediment plans, construction sequencing, and or corrosion protection.

5. Expertise in responding to water system emergencies involving water main and components by assessing the situation and recommending corrective measures, preparing fast-track design or sketches to address water system emergencies as needed.

6. Expertise in preparing, submitting, coordinating internal and external agency reviews, obtaining approvals all necessary government and or local jurisdiction permitting. Possess knowledge of federal, state, and local permitting requirements, local utility regulations, and experience in obtaining the permits on a fast-track basis.

7. Expertise in project management knowledge areas and core processes, including but not limited to initiating, planning, executing, monitoring and control, and closeout to ensure designs are completed on time, within budget, and according to the City's design standards.

8. Expertise in developing effective communication processes, stakeholder engagement, public information, and outreach, including development and dissemination of presentation and other materials

9. An overall team approach to utilize, manage and coordinate assigned tasks of the Minority/Women Business Enterprises partners and conform to City goals.

10. Expertise in preparing design reports and bid-ready contract documents, including but not limited to plans, specifications, and cost estimates with city, state, and or federal language requirements to comply with funding conditions, providing technical support services through contract bidding and post award services.

Services shall include, but not limited to review of available information, project management, contract administration, field investigation, utility surveying, design of water main replacement and or rehabilitation, re-design of shelved projects, re-signing and re-sealing shelved projects, emergency services, post award and construction management services including

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inspection, preparation of reports and contract documents, including plans, specifications, construction cost estimates, permit applications, right of ways etc. for city, state, and or federal funded water main projects.

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.

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, Baltimore, Maryland 21202 or you may email: obc.consultants@baltimorecity.gov. Since these letters are utilized to assist small minority and women business enterprise in identifying potential teaming partners, the letter should be submitted within five (5) days of the date of the project's advertisement. The letter must contain a contact person. Failure to submit a "Letter of Interest" will not disqualify a firm from submitting a proposal for this project.

Only individual firms (including, individuals, sole proprietorships, corporations, limited liability companies, limited liability partnerships and general partnerships) or formal joint ventures may apply. Two firms may not apply jointly unless they have formed a joint venture, which **must** be provided at the time the proposal submittal is due.

Each 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 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 May 14, 2021**. Submittals will not be accepted after this deadline.

Prequalification Requirement

All firms listed in this specific proposal **must** be prequalified by the Office of Boards and Commissions for each discipline at the time of submittal for this Project. Any contracting firm listed in this specific pro-

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posal to perform work must also be prequalified. *A copy of the prime and all subcontracting firms' current Prequalification Certificate must be included in the submitted package for proposal.* Information regarding the prequalification process can be obtained by calling the Office of Boards and Commissions on 410-396-6883.

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 **30.12%**
The WBE goal is **15.22%**

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

Each 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

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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 Hiring Law

Article 5, Subtitle 27 of the Baltimore City Code, as amended (the “Local Hiring Law”) 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; nullification 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.

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

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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 (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 imply 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.

Failure to follow directions of this advertisement or the application may cause disqualification of the submittal.

Sincerely,
Deena Joyce, Executive Secretary
Office of Boards and Commissions

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PROJECT # 1355 – ACTIVATED PLANT 3 CLARIFIER REHABILITATION AT BACK RIVER WWTP

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 Activated Plant 3 Clarifier and associated Return Sludge Pumping Station Rehabilitation at Back River 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

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services must demonstrate and document:

*Experience in the evaluation; preparation of preliminary engineering reports and design of rehabilitation work on existing clarifiers and improvements on existing reinforced concrete tanks including assessments of equipment, piping, concrete conditions, and structural steel conditions.

*Experience in the investigation and design of rehabilitation or replacement of mechanical equipment (clarifier collector systems; pumping sludge and shredder systems; overflow weirs and covers; sampling and hand washing station; mixing and flow metering systems; and access doors and hatches) including development of innovative methods to upgrade, repair and replace existing system to improve system efficiency and reliability while maintaining plant operations during construction.

*Experience in evaluation and design of upgrades to Pumping system, Chemical Feed, Heating, Ventilation, Electrical, Dehumidification and Air Conditioning Systems for the Return Sludge Pumping Stations.

*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.

*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 \$1,500,000.00. 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.

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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 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.

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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.

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MBE/WBE Requirements

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

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Verifying Certification

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Non-Affiliation

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Office of Boards and Commissions

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PROJECT # 1359 – QUAD AVENUE PUMPING STATION REHABILITATION

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 evaluation, design, and post award ENGINEERING SERVICES for REHABILITATION WORK on the QUAD AVENUE PUMPING STATION. One (1) firm will be selected to perform this design related to repairs, maintenance, and new construction managed by the Office of Engineering and Construction.

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

*Experience in Wastewater mechanical systems investigations, evaluations, and design of repairs, renovations, and new construction of raw wastewater pumping, piping, screening and control systems.

*Knowledge of Wastewater mechanical equipment, pumps, valves, piping systems, drives and controls.

*Overall team experience in investigating mechanical equipment failures and development of innovative methods to upgrade, repair, and replace existing systems to improve system efficiency and reliability.

*Experience in design of Heating, Ventilation, Dehumidification, and Air Conditioning Systems for Wastewater Pumping Facilities.

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

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ity/Women Business Enterprises partners and to conform to City 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, permit applications, right of ways, shop drawing review and consultation during construction.

The engineering services will be for a period of two (2) years and the estimated cost of the Dundalk Pumping Station Rehabilitation Engineering Services is \$500,000.00.

At the option of the City, the consultant may subsequently be considered for post award engineering services.

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Prequalification Requirement

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tion 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") 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

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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 applicant being disqualified from consideration for this project.

Failure to follow directions of this advertisement or the application may cause disqualification of the submittal.

Deena Joyce, Chief
Office of Boards and Commissions

CITY OF BALTIMORE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OFFICE OF ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION

NOTICE OF LETTING

Sealed Bids or Proposals, in duplicate addressed to the Board of Estimates of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore and marked for **WATER CONTRACT NO. 1409-Repaving Utility Cuts and Sidewalk Restoration at Various Locations** will be received at the Office of the Comptroller, Room 204 City Hall, Baltimore, Maryland until 11:00 A.M. on **May 5, 2021**. Positively no bids will be received after 11:00 A.M. Bids will be publicly opened by the Board of Estimates in Room 215, City Hall at Noon. The Contract Documents may be examined, without charge, at Contract Administration 4 South Frederick Street Baltimore, Maryland 21202 on the 3rd floor (410) 396-4041 as of **April 9, 2021** and copies may be purchased for a non-refundable cost of **100.00**. **Conditions and requirements of the Bid are found in the bid package.** All

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contractors bidding on this Contract must first be prequalified by the City of Baltimore Contractors Qualification Committee. Interested parties should call (410) 396-6883 or contact OBC at 4 S Frederick St., 4th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202. **If a bid is submitted by a joint venture ("JV"), then in that event, the document that established the JV shall be submitted with the bid for verification purposes.** The Prequalification Category required for bidding on this project is **A02602 – Bituminous Concrete Paving**. Cost Qualification Range for this work shall be **\$4,000,000.01 to \$5,000,000.00**.

A "Pre-Bidding Information" session will be conducted via Conference Call at 443-984-1696 PASSCODE: 0560995 on April 16, 2021 at 10:00 AM.

To purchase a bid book, please make an electronic request at:
<https://publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/dpw-construction-projects-notice-letting>

Principal items of work for this contract include, but are not limited to:

*Prepare as required and repave, utility cuts performed by others, with bituminous concrete or Portland cement concrete, milling and resurfacing, and installation of pavement markings, within Baltimore City streets, alleys, and roadways.

*Restoration of various size and types of concrete and masonry sidewalks, replacement of concrete curb, combination curb and gutter, and monolithic medians, at various locations in Baltimore City

The MBE goal is **18%**
The WBE goal is **6%**

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Sealed Bids or Proposals, in duplicate addressed to the Board of Estimates of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore and marked for **WATER CONTRACT NO. 1316-Barclay Neighborhood & Vicinity-Water Main Replacements** will be received at the Office of the Comptroller, Room 204 City Hall, Baltimore, Maryland until 11:00 A.M. on **April 28, 2021**. Positively no bids will be received after 11:00 A.M. Bids will be publicly opened by the Board of Estimates in Room 215, City Hall at Noon. The Contract Documents may be examined, without charge, at Contract Administration 4 South Frederick Street Baltimore, Maryland 21202 on the 3rd floor (410) 396-4041 as of **April 9, 2021** and copies may be purchased for a non-refundable cost of **100.00**. **Conditions and requirements of the Bid are found in the bid package.** All contractors bidding on this Contract must first be prequalified by the City of Baltimore Contractors Qualification Committee. Interested parties should call (410) 396-6883 or contact OBC at 4 S Frederick St., 4th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202. **If a bid is submitted by a joint venture ("JV"), then in that event, the document that established the JV shall be submitted with the bid for verification purposes.** The Prequalification Category required for bidding on this project is **B02551 – Water Mains**. Cost Qualification Range for this work shall be **\$10,000,000.01 to \$15,000,000.00**.

A "Pre-Bidding Information" session will be conducted via virtual in Microsoft Team Meeting +1 667-228-6519 Phone

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Conference ID: 221 571 389# on **April 16, 2021 at 1:00 PM.**

To purchase a bid book, please make an electronic request at:
<https://publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/dpw-construction-projects-notice-letting>
Principal items of work for this contract include, but are not limited to:
Replacement of small diameter water mains, abandonment and/or removal of existing water mains and installation of various sized new ductile iron pipes, valves, fittings, and appurtenances, replacement/installation of fire hydrants, small (residential) meter settings and meter vaults, renew and replacement of existing water services, corrosion protection, temporary bypass, sediment control, maintenance of traffic, sidewalk restoration, curb and gutter, and roadway paving, as required.

The MBE goal is **12%**
The WBE goal is **5%**

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M&T Bank Stadium Mass Vaccination Site to offer walk-up vaccination slots beginning Friday, April 9th

Baltimore— The M&T Bank Stadium Mass Vaccination Site will offer same-day, walk-up vaccinations beginning Friday, April 9, 2021. A limited number of 200 walk-up vaccination slots will be available each day, seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., excluding Orioles day game dates when parking lots are expected to be full.

Walk-up times and capacity are likely to change over time. Any updates to scheduling, in addition to public transit information, can be found on the University of Maryland Medical System's main M&T Bank Stadium Mass Vaccination Site webpage at umms.org/StadiumVax.

No appointments are necessary for the walk-up slots, and individuals should be prepared to wait, depending on demand. The line for walk-ups will be located on the Northwest side of the M&T Bank stadium, which faces Hamburg Street. Signage will direct walk-up patients to the correct area. Free parking for all individuals seeking vaccines will continue to be available in Lot B, also located on the Northwest side of the stadium.

Marylanders are still encouraged to directly schedule their appointments online at www.umms.org/StadiumVax or by phone at 410-779-9507. Alternatively, Marylanders may use the statewide pre-



registration system by calling 1-855-MD-GOVAX (1-855-634-6829) or visiting <https://onestop.md.gov/preregistration>.

"Walk-ups offer an option for Marylanders who have difficulty accessing a computer or phone, or who prefer it to direct scheduling or pre-registration," said Jason Marx, MD, the University of Maryland Medical System Incident Commander for the M&T Bank Stadium Mass Vaccination Site.

The M&T Bank Stadium Mass Vaccination Site is a partnership between the University of Maryland Medical System, Maryland Department of Health, Maryland National Guard and Maryland Stadium Authority. Together, the four entities transformed the stadium into a mass vaccination site, spanning over 50,000 feet of clinical space. It is one of Maryland's largest vaccination sites and one of 20 NFL stadiums that have been repurposed as vaccination sites to end the COVID pandemic.

Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation and Education

Narconon reminds families that abuse of heroin and opioid drugs has become a national health crisis. Learn to recognize the signs of heroin abuse and get your loved ones help if they are at risk. Visit www.narcononnewliferetreat.org/blog/naloxone-availability.html to learn about the overdose reversing drug known as naloxone and find out its availability in your state. Narconon can help you take steps to overcome addiction in your family. Call 1-800-431-1754 today for free screenings or referrals.

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