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The Rise of Women: Community Leader Assumes New Role

Longtime Park Heights activist Pamela Curtis steps into a new role as Director of Community & Merchant Engagement for Maryland State Senator Dalya Attar. With more than 30 years of grassroots leadership, Curtis is already hitting the ground running, working to connect residents and merchants across West Baltimore's 41st District. (See page 7)

Photo courtesy of Pam Curtis



7th Annual Billie Holiday Festival Brings Music, Legacy, and Community Spirit to Upton

The Spirit of Billie Holiday Inspires the Rebirth of Baltimore's Historic Music and Commercial Hub

By Madison Lee

Special to The Baltimore Times

(Baltimore, MD - September 1, 2025)— The legacy of Baltimore's own Lady Day echoed through the streets of West Baltimore on Saturday, August 30, 2025, as the 7th Annual Billie Holiday Festival transformed the Robert C. Marshall Field into a veritable Field of Dreams" and the stage for a joyful, soulful, and jazz-infused community celebration.

Held in the heart of the Historic Pennsylvania Avenue Main Street corrido, where Billie Holiday herself once lived and performed, this year's festival was a powerful tribute to the legendary jazz singer's influence on music, civil rights, and Black cultural identity. Co-hosted by the Upton Planning Committee and the Historic Pennsylvania Avenue Main Street program, the event brought together hundreds of residents, artists, and supporters for a day of music, heritage, and community pride.

From the moment the gates opened, the energy was electric. Festivalgoers were welcomed by April Watts, a beloved former radio personality and proud Baltimore native, who served as the emcee for the day. Her warm stage presence and deep roots in the city helped guide the crowd through a packed lineup of performances that reflected both the history and future of Black musical excellence.

The sounds of jazz, R&B, soul, and hip-hop filled the air, beginning with an opening set from DJ LampDawg, who set the tone early with a blend of throwbacks and contemporary hits. Rising vocalist Jazmin Jones captivated the audience

with smooth, soulful melodies, followed by an inspiring performance from The HIGH Dream Girlz, whose youthful energy and message of empowerment resonated with families and teens alike.

Jazz lovers were treated to the classic stylings of OnKee Jazz while patch of grass designated as the dance floor stayed populated during the high-energy sets from The ROLLEX Band and the powerhouse Brencore Allstar Band, whose musical tributes to jazz, R&B, and neo-soul continued to bring the crowd to its feet. Finally, the live music performances were closed out by the ever-popular Chris Rhodes Jazz Band. The variety and richness of the performances reminded all in attendance of the creative spirit that Billie Holiday embodied, as well as the one Baltimore still proudly carries today.

Offstage, the festival was equally alive. The scent of smoked barbecue and soul food mingled with sweet treats and fusion cuisine from an array of food trucks and local chefs. Dozens of Black-owned vendors and artisans under colorful tents lined the field, offering handcrafted jewelry, fashion, art, and wellness products, turning the venue into a pop-up marketplace of local talent and entrepreneurship.

Community groups staffed tents offering everything from health information and voter registration to business resources and neighborhood programs. It was a full-circle celebration: honoring Billie Holiday's past while investing in the community's future. Also in Attendance were numerous elected officials including Maryland Comptroller Brooke Lierman, State Senator Antonio Hayes (40th District), MD State Delegate D. Marlon Amprey (40th District)



MD State Senator Antonio Hayes (40th District) Photos: Madison Lee



April Watts, Emcee & Robert Smoot of Brencore Entertainment

Baltimore City Council President Zeke Cohen, Baltimore City Councilman, James Torrence (7th District), and Baltimore City Sheriff Sam Cogen.

The success of the event was made possible by a strong network of support. Sponsors included the Truist Bank, CareFirst, and the Mayor's Office of Baltimore City, along with state and local partners such as the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, Baltimore City Parks & Recreation and Pennsylvania Avenue Main Street. Community organizations like R.E. Enterprises; Adrian Harpool Associates; Market Me Design; the Pennsylvania Avenue Merchants Association; and The Baltimore Times also played key roles in making the day a success.

Founded in 2018, the Billie Holiday Festival has quickly grown into a staple of West Baltimore's cultural calendar.

Organized by the resident-led Upton Planning Committee, the festival is part of a broader mission to revitalize the neighborhood through cultural celebration, economic development, and deep community engagement. Its co-host, the Historic Pennsylvania Avenue Main Street program, continues the important work of preserving the legacy of one of Baltimore's most historic African American corridors, once dubbed the "Harlem of the South."

As the final notes of jazz rang out and the sun set over Pennsylvania Avenue, the spirit of Billie Holiday felt unmistakably present, and not just in the music, but in the joy, resilience, and pride of the people who gathered to celebrate her legacy. In a city known for its grit and its greatness, the Billie Holiday Festival continues to be a powerful reminder that both are alive and well in West Baltimore.



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UMSON PhD Student Is School's First Fulbright U.S. Student Program Scholar



Abaneh Ebangwese
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Baltimore, Md. – University of Maryland School of Nursing (UMSON) PhD student Abaneh Ebangwese, Cert '24, BSN '15, RN, CCRN, has been awarded a prestigious Fulbright U.S. Student Program scholarship, becoming the first UMSON student ever selected for the honor. The Fulbright is a scholarship granted by the U.S. Department of State that supports research, study, and teaching opportunities in more than 140 countries.

As part of the 2025 - 26 Fulbright program, Ebangwese will travel in late December to Yaoundé, the capitol of Cameroon, where she will spend nine months conducting research to identify and analyze cardiovascular disease

(CVD) risk factors among adults there. In preparing her Fulbright application, she discovered that Cameroon's most recent peer-reviewed data on CVD prevalence dates back to 2017.

Her work will involve partnering with local health facilities and community stakeholders to collect survey and biometric data on health indicators such as blood pressure, glucose, cholesterol, diet, physical activity, smoking, sleep, and body composition. She will also use statistical methods to examine how these risk factors occur individually and in clusters within this population. This will provide insight into patterns of CVD vulnerability in an under-researched region of Sub-Saharan Africa.

Ebangwese's family is originally

from Cameroon; she is first-generation American. Her interest in CVD is reflected in her PhD dissertation, which examines CVD risk factors among U.S. long-term care workers, a group considered marginalized due to systemic challenges such as low wages, physically demanding work, limited access to health care, and high occupational stress.

While enrolled in the PhD program, Ebangwese also earned UMSON's Global Health Certificate, designed to prepare health professionals for global health practice, education, and research. Around the same time, Yolanda Ogbolu, PhD '11, MS '05, BSN '04, NNP, FNAP,

FAAN, the Bill and Joanne Conway Dean, encouraged students to apply for the Fulbright.

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Feature Review: The Apprenticeship That Saved My Life

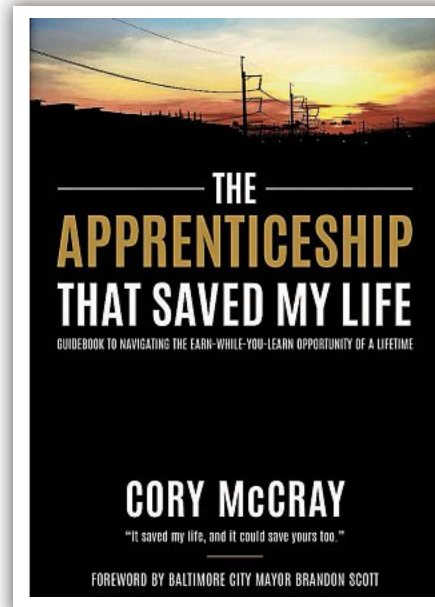
By Harold Booker

Baltimore is a city that knows the value of hard work. From its neighborhoods to its waterfront, the story of this city has always been about people building better lives with their hands, their skills, and their determination. Few voices capture that truth more clearly than Maryland State Senator Cory V. McCray. His new book, “The Apprenticeship That Saved My Life: Guidebook to Navigating the Earn-While-You-Learn Opportunity of a Lifetime” (Morgan James Publishing), is both a deeply personal reflection and a practical guide to opportunity.

McCray grew up in East Baltimore and found his path through an IBEW apprenticeship that opened the door to a career as a licensed electrician. That experience did more than provide him with a paycheck. It gave him stability, dignity, and a future. In his book, he shares not only his story but also the tools, checklists, and advice that can help the next generation discover apprenticeships as a real alternative to the traditional college route.

What makes this book different is its balance of inspiration and practicality. McCray writes honestly about the obstacles many young people face when it comes to education and career choices. He does not gloss over the challenges. But he makes the case that apprenticeships can be a life-saving option for students, families, and career changers who want to build skills and enter the middle class without incurring crushing debt.

National reviewers have taken notice. Kirkus Reviews calls the book “candid, practical, and often inspiring.” BookLife Reviews, published in “Publishers Weekly,” describes it as “a motivating debut.” Midwest Book Review notes that it is “intensely personal and yet universal in its implications.” These accolades



reflect what Baltimoreans already know about McCray. He has always combined honesty with hope, whether on the job site, in his community, or in the halls of Annapolis.

The book also carries the weight of national endorsements. AFL-CIO President Elizabeth Shuler praises McCray for showing “a path forward for young people in every ZIP code.” Congressman Kweisi Mfume, who also began his life in Baltimore with limited opportunities, calls it “a guidebook and a guidepost” that proves success is about how you finish, not how you start.

For Baltimore readers, the timing of this release could not be better. Apprenticeships are increasingly seen as one of the most powerful ways to connect young people to careers in construction, health care, technology, and the trades. McCray’s book arrives as both a reminder and a roadmap that the city’s young people do not have to leave Baltimore to find success. They can build it right here, with the right guidance and opportunity.

McCray will celebrate the book launch



Senator Cory McCray

Photo: Corrin Johnson

on Monday, September 29, 2025 at the Enoch Pratt Free Library’s Main Branch. The event is more than a reading. It is an invitation for the community to talk about how Baltimore can better prepare its youth for long-term success and financial independence.

At 180 pages, “The Apprenticeship That Saved My Life” is concise, accessible, and written in plain language that speaks directly to students, parents, and mentors. It is part memoir, part how-to guide, and part love letter to the city that shaped him. McCray reminds readers that there is more than one pathway to a career and a good life. College is one option. Apprenticeship is another.

Baltimore has always been a place where people forge their futures. With this book, Cory McCray has given the city, and the nation, a blueprint for how to do it with resilience, purpose, and pride.

Copies are available through The Ivy Bookshop and Bookshop.org.

A Taste of the MET Brings Culinary Excellence and Community Empowerment to Baltimore

Greater Baltimore Urban League teams up with MET Gala to spotlight culinary entrepreneurs



Justin Randall, Tulum Street Tacos
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By Harold Booker Jr.

The Baltimore MET Gala is preparing to add a flavorful new experience to its lineup in 2026 with the debut of “A Taste of the MET.” This addition is being presented in partnership with the Greater Baltimore Urban League (GBUL) and promises to highlight the creativity and skill of local chefs who have graduated from the Restaurant Accelerator Program (RAP).

The RAP initiative, launched in 2021 by the PepsiCo Foundation and the National Urban League, has already invested more than \$300,000 to support 35 Baltimore-based restaurateurs. Graduates of the program now have the opportunity to showcase their work on one of the city’s most glamorous stages.

Tershea “Shea” Rice, Vice President of Operations at GBUL, said the partnership reflects exactly what the organization

envisioned when RAP was created. “This is the kind of platform we want for our graduates, one that celebrates culture, creativity, and community while giving our entrepreneurs a real seat at the table,” Rice explained.

Among the featured chefs is Donvenia Jackson, owner of French Toast Connection and a proud RAP alumna. Jackson said the experience represents a full-circle moment. “What began as a step toward elevating my culinary vision has come full circle. I am honored to lead and support fellow graduates as part of A Taste of the MET. This moment reflects the past, present, and future of Black excellence in Baltimore’s culinary and business communities,” she said.

LaRian Finney, Executive Producer of the Baltimore MET Gala, described the partnership as a natural expansion of the event’s mission. “The MET Gala was designed to elevate Black excellence,

amplify innovation, and build meaningful platforms for economic empowerment. With A Taste of the MET, we are growing our brand activation in powerful ways while spotlighting culinary talent that deserves to be seen, supported, and celebrated,” Finney said.

The chefs who will be featured include: Tasha’s Oven; French Toast Connections; Fat Fly Guy Cook; Soul Purpose Kuisine; Rich & SpirLit; The Dessert King; Soulful Fuzion Feast; House of Sweets; Tulum Tacos; and The Soul Connect.

This year’s theme, “TIMELESS — The Evolution of Style: Past. Present. Future.” invites the chefs to prepare bite-sized dishes inspired by the legacy of Black culinary excellence and the dynamic food culture of Baltimore. Guests can expect to enjoy a tasting journey that honors heritage, celebrates modern innovation, and imagines the future of food.

Beyond the food, A Taste of the MET adds another dimension to the Gala’s reputation for blending fashion, art, culture, and community into one unforgettable evening. A portion of the proceeds from ticket sales will benefit the Greater Baltimore Urban League, helping sustain the Restaurant Accelerator Program as it moves toward 2026.

The 2026 Baltimore MET Gala will take place on Saturday, September 13, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Tickets are available now at baltimoremetgala.com.

Since its debut in 2022, the Baltimore MET Gala has grown into a regional celebration of creativity, culture, and philanthropy. With the addition of A Taste of the MET, the Gala continues to build its reputation as a platform for economic empowerment and cultural innovation.

The Rise of Women: Community Leader Assumes New Role

By Demetrius Dillard

A well-regarded community activist and civic leader recently announced she stepped into a new role that will enable her to continue advocacy for Baltimore City residents—specifically those of the 41st district.

Pamela Curtis, a longtime resident of Park Heights with more than three decades of community activism, involvement and organizing, is now the Director of Community and Merchant Engagement for Maryland State Senator Dalya Attar.

Maryland's 41st legislative district covers much of West Baltimore as the jurisdiction includes more than 100,000 city residents. Attar, a Democrat, was sworn in as a state senator in January, filling a vacancy left by Sen. Jill Carter.

From 2019 until her swearing in, Attar represented District 41 in the state's House of Delegates.

Curtis officially began her new role Aug. 11, 2025, one she has taken with aplomb. It's been about three weeks, and she has already hit the ground running.

"With over 30 years in community advocacy; serving; volunteering; coordinating; managing and development by way of Bea Gaddy giveaways as a child; resource drives in the Johnston Square community in East Baltimore; bridging gaps in Northwest Baltimore; serving alongside of many officials and grassroots leaders throughout this city; and being my high school's community outreach manager in the 12th grade – I'm not new to this. God will continue to elevate his voice within me, now on a state level to bring solution to the 41st District," Curtis stated, announcing the new position on social media.

Over the years, Curtis has built a favorable reputation in the city, state and

beyond, earning numerous honors and awards for noteworthy achievements in various areas. In spite of this, her work isn't driven by the accomplishments and accolades, but is simply rooted in community impact.

Prior to the District 41 position, Curtis was a hotline crisis counselor for individuals facing mental health crises, suicidal thoughts and depression.

Curtis has gone from volunteer, to liaison, to coordinator, to manager, and now, director.

While this new role could be considered a promotion or a professional advancement of sorts, it is a continuation of Curtis' servitude to Baltimore neighborhoods that has become a trademark of meaningful community advocacy.

"In this position, I am the bridge and also the director to help communities to stay connected, to get them resources, to make sure that their voice is heard," Curtis said.

"I am here to teach my people and also the community because I work in a multicultural community."

This new leadership capacity is unique in that Curtis will have the opportunity to work directly with merchants across the city on initiatives to invest in communities.

"I am also teaching merchants how to give back to the community versus just making money off of us," she highlighted.

"I'm teaching them how to give back with more than just bookbags, but how to now build your own merchant association so that you, too, have a voice. So that you don't feel intimidated when people are standing outside your store. You have rights as well."

Curtis also plans to work closely with local faith-based leaders and

organizations, law enforcement leaders, first responders, the elderly community and educational institutions.

"In this position, I am also speaking up for bills to be passed," Curtis said with passion emanating from her voice.

Working with high-profile politicians across the city and state, Curtis said teaming up with Attar will be a special experience in which she genuinely feels valued.

Acknowledging her team, Attar said of Curtis: "Pamela Curtis – our incredible Director for Community and Merchant Engagement, brings heart and hustle to every neighborhood and small business she connects with!"

Curtis has known Attar, also a Baltimore native, for about 10 years. The two have had encounters at community events in the past and have grown to respect and admire each other on a professional and personal level.

"It feels good to work alongside someone that does not tie your hands. That wants you to bring your knowledge. That wants you to bring that fight. That wants you to bring that hustle," Curtis said of Attar.

"I could benefit from working with her and she could benefit from having me on her team, because having me on the team is beneficial to the community. That's the bigger picture—solution for the community."



Pam Curtis (left) stands alongside State Senator Dalya Attar (District 41). Courtesy photo

Curtis plans to begin her role by connecting schools and faith-based institutions throughout the district with resources. She accentuated four key components that essentially serve as foundational principles as she enters this new professional chapter: education, business, safety and community.

"I am Baltimore, I know Baltimore, and [I operate] in this capacity with my knowledge, integrity, drive, authenticity and capability," Curtis said. "I am well prepared for such a time as this."

National Suicide Prevention Month

Mental Health Professionals Share Critical Information About Suicide

By **Andrea Blackstone**

September is a dedicated time to raise awareness about suicide and suicide prevention. In response to National Suicide Prevention Month, Dr. Ajita M. Robinson, LCPC, NCC, a licensed clinical professional counselor and national certified counselor who owns Maryland-based Friends in Transition Counseling Services, and Sneha Raj, PsyD, LP, a clinical psychologist and owner of Vikas Psychology, LLC, provided insight about the growing health problem.

Language Saves Lives

Dr. Robinson asserted that how we talk about suicide influences how people grieve, how they seek help, and how stigma associated with suicide can be reduced if someone ended his or her life. Avoid referring to them as someone who “committed suicide.” It implies that a crime was committed.

“Instead, use ‘died by suicide’ or ‘ended their life.’ This change may seem small, but it makes a tremendous difference in creating compassionate, safe spaces for families and for those who are struggling,” the expert said.

Adolescent Suicide Had Risen

Suicide became the second leading cause of death for adolescents in the United States in 2022 (<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s40719-022-00223-7>).

“The pandemic made things worse as the isolation caused by social distancing added to the pressures many teens were already facing. These pressures can include challenges like family problems, financial struggles, or a personal or family history of depression or substance abuse,” Dr. Raj informed.

Dr. Robinson mentioned that our words need to affirm dignity and reduce shame, so people feel more comfortable reaching out for help, to encourage a positive shift

in statistics of death by suicide.

Additionally, Dr. Raj revealed that teenagers who have experienced the loss of someone they care about, especially if that person died by suicide, are at a much higher risk of trying to take their own lives.

“In fact, research shows that a teen’s risk of attempting suicide can increase by as much as 65% if they lose a close friend or relative to suicide,” she stated.

The way suicide is talked about in the media—whether it is the death of a celebrity or a storyline in a popular television show—can also affect teens’ mental health.

“Seeing suicide glamorized or overly dramatized may make it feel more ‘normal’ or, on the other hand, lead to more stigma and confusion. In either case, it can make the emotional pain even harder to process, especially for young people who are exposed to it through news, social media, or television,” Dr. Raj further explained.

A Dangerous Myth About Suicide

Dr. Robinson mentioned that one of the most dangerous myths about suicide is that achievement protects people from despair.

“In reality, success can sometimes hide suffering. In the U.S., nearly 49,300 people died by suicide in 2023—the highest rate since 1941, at 14.2 deaths per 100,000 people (<https://www.cdc.gov/suicide/facts/data.html>). These numbers cut across all walks of life, including individuals who outwardly appear to ‘have it all.’ For high achievers, the pressure to maintain an image of competence often makes it even harder to ask for help.”

Dr. Robinson noted that warning signs such as withdrawal, drastic mood changes, or expressing hopelessness, can surface quietly, even while someone’s professional or public life looks polished.



Sneha Raj,
PsyD, LP, clinical psychologist.

Photo: Dr. Ajita M. Robinson



Ajita M. Robinson, LCPC, NCC,
licensed clinical professional
counselor, and national certified
counselor.

Photo: Myown Holmes

The Need for Immediate and Long-Term Support

Globally, more than 720,000 people die by suicide each year (<https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/suicide>).

“This leaves countless families to navigate lifelong grief and grapple with profound grief, guilt, and shame for every life lost to suicide,” according to Dr. Robinson.

Suicide loss survivors need to be shown ongoing acts of compassion. Dr. Robinson suggests checking in with them during holidays, anniversaries, or milestones. Connecting them to resources like therapy or support groups and provide practical support, such as caring for children and preparing meals.

“Respect privacy. Never ask ‘what happened?’ unless details are offered. And remember, grief doesn’t end after the funeral,” Dr. Robinson stated.

Dr. Raj added that if teenagers are grieving the loss of someone to suicide, seek professional help when feelings are

overwhelming and create a judgement-free safe space for them to share their feelings.

“Acknowledge that suicide leaves a permanent hole in the lives of those left behind and remind them that there is no going back once it happens.”

The Bottom Line

Participate in suicide prevention by knowing what to do to keep yourself safe or someone else if a crisis arises. Therapy, medications and support for mental health conditions can support individuals who are having suicidal thoughts. People who are in crisis can contact the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline at 988 or contact the Crisis Text Line by texting TALK to 741741.

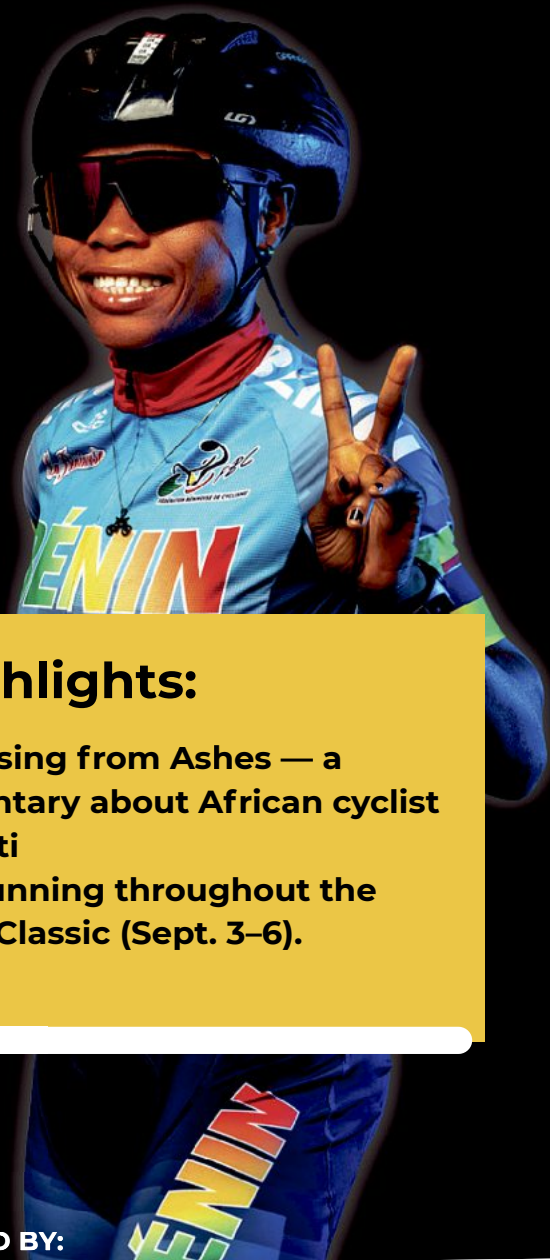
Learn more about Dr. Robinson by visiting <https://fit-counseling.com/about/dr-ajita-m-robinson> and Dr. Raj via <https://vikas-psychology.clientsecure.me>.

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A "Pre-Bidding Information" session will be conducted via Microsoft Team Meeting. Vendor can call 1 667-228-6519 Phone Conference ID: 275002685# on September 12, 2025, at 10:00 AM. Vendor can also join Microsoft Teams. Meeting ID: 211 344 306 914 1, Passcode: mq2jq3M5

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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 **SANITARY CONTRACT NO. 1047-PIPELINE ASSESSMENT AND MAINTENANCE - CITYWIDE** will be received at the Office of the Comptroller, Room 204 City Hall, Baltimore, Maryland until 11:00 A.M on **October 15, 2025**. Positively no bids will be received after **11:00 AM**. 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 **September 5, 2025**, 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

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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 **G90106 – Digital Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Inspection of Utility Pipes**. Cost Qualification Range for this work shall be **\$7,000,000.01 to \$8,000,000.00**.

For further inquiries about purchasing bid documents please contact the assigned Contract Administrator Amber.coles-johnson@baltimorecity.gov and dpw-bidopportunities@baltimorecity.gov.

A "Pre-Bidding Information" session will be conducted via Microsoft Team Meeting. Vendor can call Phone Number: 1 667-228-6519 Phone Conference ID: 646 420 121# or Virtual Platform, Microsoft Teams Meeting ID: 254 709 450 072 2 PASSCODE: uD68Jy9x on September 11, 2025 at 1 P.M..

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

Cleaning and inspection of sanitary sewers, manholes, and appurtenances, that include acoustic inspections, televising, cleaning with grease treatment where necessary, bypass pumping at various locations where necessary, manhole locating and television inspection QA/QC review. The Contractor must be able to mobilize multiple work crews with the necessary equipment to perform the work designated by the Engineer.

The MBE/ DBE goal is **8%**
The WBE/DBE goal is **4%**

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City Hall

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Matthew W. Garbark
Acting Director
Department of Public Works

Employment

Allegis Group, Inc. seeks Information Services Manager in Hanover, MD (**& various unanticipated locations throughout US**) **Telecommuting Permitted**: Responsible for planning, leading, organizing & motivating the teams w/in the Onboarding Experience Program: Bullhorn Talent Platform, Onboarding Talent Dashboard & related applications to achieve a high level of performance & quality in delivering exceptional biz value to users. Req's: BS (or equiv.) +3 yrs. exp. Salary: \$152,048-\$174,800 per yr. Employees may also receive a benefits package including a 401(k) company matched retirement savings plan, health plans, paid time off & holiday pay. The company is an equal opportunity employer and will consider all applications without regard to race, sex, age, color, religion, national origin, veteran status, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information or any characteristic protected by law. If you would like to request a reasonable accommodation, such as the modification or adjustment of the job application process or interviewing process due to a disability, please email Lauren Lara at llara@allegisgroup.com or call 410-579-3526 for other accommodation options. Submit resume w/ ref. to Req.# L22-131415 to: resume@allegisgroup.com.

TEKsystems, Inc. seeks Lead Data Engineer in Hanover, MD (**& various unanticipated locations throughout US**) **Telecommuting Permitted**. Serve as a team lead to more junior members of the team. Conduct technical requirement analysis. Req's: BS(or equiv.)+5 yrs. exp. Salary: \$159,744-\$190,700 per annum. Employees may also receive benefits package including a 401(k) company matched retirement savings plan, health plans, paid time off & holiday pay. Company is an equal opportunity employers & will consider all applications without regard to race, genetic information, sex, age, color, religion, national origin, veteran status, disability or any other characteristic protected by law. To view the EEO is the law poster click here https://www.eeoc.gov/sites/default/files/2022-10/EEOC_KnowYourRights_screen_reader_10_20.pdf. Applicants w/ disabilities that require an accommodation or assistance a position, email EmployeeRelations@teksystems.com. This is a dedicated line designed exclusively to assist job seekers whose disability prevents them from being able to apply online. Messages left for other purposes will not receive a response. Submit resume w/ ref. to Req.# L23-137391 to: resume@allegisgroup.com.

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