



BROOKE'S BPW BRIEF

✓ *Breaking down the Board of Public Works*

Meeting Date

November 29, 2023

TOWSON UNIVERSITY'S SMITH HALL



The BPW approved a request from Towson University to award Consigli Construction Company, Inc. the first of 3 bid packages for the renovation of Smith Hall at a cost of \$10 million. This first tranche of work includes demolition and abatement. The University anticipates the final value of the project (including design, construction, and equipment) will be about \$153.5 million.

The new Smith Hall will be an all-electric building designed to use solar power to support a "net-zero ready" strategy. The goal is to achieve LEED Gold Certification.

COMPTROLLER'S MOVE



The BPW approved a request from the Comptroller of Maryland to modify a lease with Hertz Baltimore 7 St Paul Street, LLC (Baltimore, MD) for office space in Baltimore City. The modification provides for the completion of enhancements to the build-out of the space, while also ensuring a timely relocation from our current office in State Center.

The Comptroller of Maryland is on track to be the first Agency to officially relocate from State Center to Baltimore's Central Business District, starting with our Taxpayer Services Division in January 2024. The new office will not only provide a safe, healthy, and modern work environment that our team deserves, but a space and resources needed to better serve taxpayers for years to come.

Summary Figures

The BPW approved 87 items, representing a total State expenditure of \$257 million including:

- 10 items awarding \$10.3 million to prime certified small businesses.
- 7 items awarding \$6.2 million to prime Minority Business Enterprises.
- 1 item awarding \$214,894 to Employment Works Program providers
- 15 items awarded with established participation goals for Minority Business Enterprises.
- 5 items awarded with established participation goals for veteran-owned small business enterprises.

COMPTROLLER'S INTEGRATED TAX SYSTEM



The BPW approved a request from the Comptroller of Maryland to modify a contract with Revenue Solutions, Inc. to continue to implement the agency's new, modern tax processing system.

This system will bring the tax processing system into the 21st Century and off the COBOL-based current system. It will make for a streamlined, secure work experience for agency employees who will be better able to help Marylanders with tax questions and refunds. It will also create the first-ever public-facing modern portal system for all taxpayers to use and communicate with the agency. Implementation of business taxes, including cannabis sales taxes, will occur first, followed by personal income and pass-through entity tax types, as well as fees and payments.