

News Release

Office of the Comptroller Awarded 2024 Empowering Women Award

Agency recognized for support of women in the workplace by the Maryland Daily Record

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (October 24, 2024) — The Maryland Office of the Comptroller was recognized Tuesday with the 2024 Empowering Women Award by the [Maryland Daily Record](#). Chief Equity and Transformation Officer, **Dr. Kai Boggess-de Bruin**, attended the ceremony on behalf of the agency during the [Women's Leadership Summit](#) at the University of Maryland, Baltimore.

The Empowering Women Awards recognize companies and organizations that demonstrate a strong commitment to supporting and elevating women in Maryland, including in the workplace through hiring, promotions, and executive leadership; mentorship and support programs, as well as Diversity, Equity and Inclusion programs and philanthropic efforts designed to support women.

“As the first woman elected Comptroller, I prioritize uplifting and empowering women within our agency and across Maryland because we do better as an agency and as a state when women do better personally and professionally,” **Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman** said. “Our team members are a critical part of this work, and I am proud of all they do to advance equity, resilience, and prosperity for women in our agency, and our state.”

Since taking office in January 2023, Comptroller Lierman has prioritized a renewed focus on civil rights and fair practices by establishing the Office of Equity and Transformation, appointing women and women of color to senior leadership positions, and revamping recruitment processes to broaden the agency's talent pool and make the agency's 1,200-person workforce more diverse. During Comptroller Lierman's tenure, the agency has also implemented a nursing and pumping policy, in alignment with Maryland State Law, to ensure that mothers have access to private and sanitary spaces in the workplace.

“It is an honor for the Comptroller of Maryland to be selected for The Daily Record's Women's Empowerment Award,” Dr. Boggess-de Bruin said. “This affirms our unwavering commitment to create workplaces that elevate women's voices, promote equity in the workplace, and creates pathways for authentic leadership. This honor strengthens our resolve to continue empowering women to embrace their full potential and lead with purpose.”

The Maryland Office of the Comptroller also has [published research reports](#) highlighting the importance of women to Maryland's economy, conducted outreach to women-owned businesses to encourage greater participation of women-owned businesses in the state's procurement economy, and launched a [Women's Economic Empowerment Council](#) to advise the agency on financial challenges facing women in Maryland and potential opportunities to strengthen and promote women's financial resilience and prosperity through financial education and new partnerships.

“The 2024 Empowering Women honorees invest in, elevate and support women leaders throughout the state. They demonstrate tangible, innovative efforts to assist women in taking on new opportunities in business and in the community,” said **Suzanne Fischer-Huettner**, managing director of BridgeTower Media/The Daily Record. “We are pleased to honor these organizations that show a strong commitment to women leaders in Maryland.”

For more information on the Empowering Women honorees, visit <https://thedailyrecord.com/event/empowering-women/>

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