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	SUBJECT	Bill 11-0301R – Local, Small, and Disadvantaged Business Purchasing Preferences for Baltimore		

TO The Honorable President and Members of the City Council DATE: July 8, 2011

City Council Bill 11-0301R solicits input from City agencies concerned with purchasing and economic development, to determine how to best leverage purchasing expenditures so as to encourage the growth of local, small, and disadvantaged businesses.

The Mayor's Office of Employment Development (MOED), the City's workforce development agency, coordinates and directs workforce development initiatives that respond to the needs of Baltimore City employers and job seekers. MOED strongly supports the success of small and disadvantaged business in our community as a crucial ingredient in the long-term health of the local economy. Labor statistics consistently reflect that small businesses create two out of every three jobs, and produce 39% of the nation's Gross National Product. Small businesses are responsible for bringing to market more than half of the nation's technological innovations. Moreover, as engines of employment growth in an otherwise stagnate hiring climate, small and disadvantaged businesses serve an essential role in MOED's mission to ensure that every city resident maximizes his or her career potential and all employers have the human resources to grow and prosper.

MOED is committed to working closely with all City agencies during the proposed review process, and will continue to strive to ensure that small, disadvantaged, and women-owned businesses have access to a robust pipeline of qualified workers ready to meet the demands of the 21st century economy.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important public policy issue.

cc: Kaliop Parthemos, Deputy Mayor
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Comments

