

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 18-0113R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Pinkett, Stokes, President Young, Councilmembers Henry, Middleton, Schleifer, Cohen, Costello, Scott, Dorsey, Sneed, Clarke, Reisinger, Burnett, Bullock

Introduced and read first time: October 29, 2018

Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Public Works, Minority and Women’s Business Opportunity Office, Mayor’s Office of Employment Development

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Informational Hearing – Hiring for the Druid Lake and Ashburton Reservoir Projects**

3 FOR the purpose of requesting that the Director of the Department of Public Works, the head of
4 the Minority and Women’s Business Opportunity Office, and representatives from Oscar
5 Renda Contracting appear before the City Council to discuss the utilization of Minority
6 Business Enterprises, Women’s Business Enterprises, and local skilled and unskilled labor
7 for the Druid Lake and Ashburton Reservoir Projects.

8 **Recitals**

9 In an effort to comply with the federal Clean Drinking Water Act regulations, the Baltimore
10 City Department of Public Works (“DPW”) has been converting our open-air drinking water
11 lakes to buried tanks. Preserving the quality and safety of the City’s drinking water system
12 represents a substantial investment in the City’s water infrastructure - the Druid Lake and
13 Ashburton Reservoir Projects alone will cost \$270 million.

14 While achieving the primary objective of protecting our water supply for generations to
15 come, there is also great potential within these public projects to advance the City’s and State’s
16 goals to promote minority, women, and disadvantaged business enterprises. Article 5, Subtitle
17 28 of the City Code details how the City’s Minority and Women’s Business Opportunity Office
18 sets goals for the participation of Minority Business Enterprises (“MBEs”) and Women’s
19 Business Enterprises (“WBEs”) for each contract the City enters. It is of the utmost importance
20 that these Projects meet their goals. The Druid Lake and Ashburton Reservoir Projects are
21 complicated endeavors that will take years to accomplish. In addition to utilizing MBEs and
22 WBEs, the Projects offer excellent opportunities for the employment of local skilled and
23 unskilled labor.

24 To ensure that the requirements of Article 5, Subtitle 28 are met and that businesses are
25 hiring local skilled and unskilled labor, it is imperative that the appropriate agencies provide
26 proper oversight.

27 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of Baltimore, That the Director of the
28 Department of Public Works, the head of the Minority and Women’s Business Opportunity

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter deleted by amendment.

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2 discuss the utilization of Minority Business Enterprises, Women's Business Enterprises, and
3 local skilled and unskilled labor for the Druid Lake and Ashburton Reservoir Projects.

4 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Director of the
5 Department of Public Works, the head of the Minority and Women's Business Opportunity
6 Office, representatives from Oscar Renda Contracting, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the
7 City Council.