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	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL 08-0076R		

DATE: July 15, 2009

**TO**

The Honorable President and Members  
of the Baltimore City Council  
c/o Karen Randle  
Room 400 - City Hall

I am herein reporting on City Council Resolution 08-0076R introduced by Council President Rawlings Blake and Council Members Young, Middleton, Kraft, Branch, Henry, Cole, Holton, Spector, Welch, Conaway, Clarke, Curran, and Reisinger.

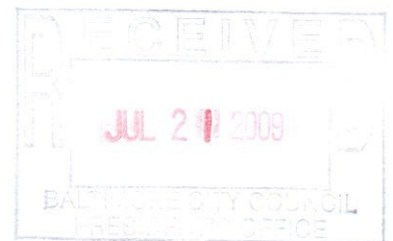
The purpose of the Resolution is to request the Baltimore City Bureau of Purchases and the Mayor's Office of Minority and Women-Owned Business Development to report to the City Council on the number of small and minority businesses and 2<sup>nd</sup> tier sub-contractors that are contracted to deliver goods and services to City agencies; the average length of time between the date of delivery of goods and services provided by small and minority businesses and other 2<sup>nd</sup> tier sub-contractors, and the date marking receipt of compensation for services rendered; and a comprehensive plan to revise current policies to ensure prompt payment to small and minority businesses and 2<sup>nd</sup> tier contractors.

The Department of Public Works will have a representative present at the hearing to listen to the discussion concerning the prompt payment of small and minority businesses and 2<sup>nd</sup> tier sub-contractors, and to understand how prevalent lack of timely payment may be. In issuing and managing City contracts, the Department of Public Works, like all City agencies, has contractual relationships with prime contractors, not sub-contractors. Once we pay our contractors for the work or services performed, it is the contractors' duty to pay their sub-contractors. In the case of construction contracts, Public Works does have payment bonds with prime contractors that can be made available to sub-contractors, if requested.



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