


MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable President and Members of the City Council
Attention: Karen Randle, Executive Secretary

FROM: Brenda McKenzie, President and CEO 

DATE: April 29, 2013

SUBJECT: City Council Bill No. 13-0215
Minority and Women's Business Enterprises – Program Extension

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) has been asked to comment on *City Council Bill No. 13-0215 - Minority and Women's Business Enterprises - Program Extension* an ordinance for the purpose of extending the Minority and Women's Business Program by six (6) months.

BDC believes this extension is necessary to continue the City's commitment to MBE/WBE participation in the many development opportunities occurring throughout the City. The MBE/WBE programs ensure that where City assistance has been provided to private developers, certified MBE/WBE firms will share in the contracts generated by development projects. This extension will give the Council time to review the Disparity Study slated to be completed in September 2013; and we hope enact a five-year extension of the MBE/WBE program. BDC consider the MBE/WBE program a success within the City and strongly supports passage of this bill.

cc: Kaliopé Parthemos
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