

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 06-0228R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Young, Branch, Kraft, Mitchell, Welch, Clarke, Reisinger,
Spector, Harris, D'Adamo, Holton, Curran, Conaway
Introduced and adopted: October 30, 2006

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

1 Informational Hearing – Making Central Garage More MBE/WBE Inclusive

2 FOR the purpose of requesting the Chief of Compliance for the Department of Public Works, the
3 Contract Administrator for the Department of Public Works, the Director of the Bureau of
4 Purchasing, and the Director of Mayor's Office of Minority Business Development brief the
5 City Council on ways that they feel Central Garage contracts can be made more inclusive of
6 MBE/WBE businesses.

7 Recitals

8 In compliance with the provision of Ordinance 00-98, the Mayor's Office of Minority
9 Business Development is charged with the mission of ensuring that the City of Baltimore is
10 prepared to create new opportunities for minority-owned (African American, Asian American,
11 Hispanic American, or Native American) and women-owned (51% ownership) businesses. The
12 Council oversight continued with a request to the Baltimore City Delegation to the 2001
13 Maryland General Assembly to sponsor legislation to amend State law to provide for a Maryland
14 Minority and Women Business Enterprise program that is consistent with the more progressive
15 Baltimore City policy. Each year the Council continues to oversee the City's compliance with
16 the minority and women's business program's annual goals.

17 Central Garage, under the auspices of the Department of Public Works' General Services
18 division, maintains all City owned and operated vehicles. Many times, these vehicles are
19 maintained by the City, in City owned and operated facilities. Other times, the City must
20 contract out to area garages in order to maintain its fleet. The question as to whether enough
21 MBE/WBE businesses are having the opportunity to bid on these contracts, whether these
22 contracts are being made available to MBE/WBE businesses, and how these large Central
23 Garage contracts can be more inclusive of MBE/WBE businesses are ones that need to be
24 discussed.

25 Hopefully by working together and pulling our resources, a way can be found to get more
26 qualified bidders involved in these contract negotiations, and be able to offer more of these
27 contracts to MBE/WBE owned businesses. With more contracts going to MBE/WBE
28 businesses, Baltimore City can continue to achieve the goals of the Mayor's Office of Minority
29 Business Development by dramatically increasing the success rate of minority-owned and
30 women-owned businesses in Baltimore City, increasing the contracting and procurement dollars
31 spent with minority and women-owned businesses, and facilitating greater involvement of these
32 businesses throughout Baltimore City.

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

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1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That this
2 Body requests the Chief of Compliance for the Department of Public Works, the Contract
3 Administrator for the Department of Public Works, the Director of the Bureau of Purchasing,
4 and the Director of Mayor’s Office of Minority Business Development brief the City Council on
5 ways that they feel Central Garage contracts can be made more inclusive of MBE/WBE
6 businesses.

7 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the
8 Director of the Bureau of Purchasing, the Director MBE/WBE Opportunity Compliance Office,
9 the Director of the Mayor’s Office of Minority Business Development, the Chief of Compliance
10 for the Department of Public Works, and the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the City Council.