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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 14-0147R			

TO

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

April 15, 2014

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 14-0147R, Informational Hearing - Review of FY 2014 Children's Budget. The purpose of this resolution is to call on representatives from the Mayor's Youth Cabinet and the Bureau of the Budget Management and Research to appear before the City Council to discuss the current FY 2014 Children's Budget and the proposed FY 2015 Children's Budget to assess the impact that any proposed reductions and/or elimination of current levels of funding would have on providing high quality programs, services, and opportunities to the children and families of Baltimore City.

The Department of Transportation (DOT) supports this resolution. There are two items on the Children's Budget under DOT's purview: crossing guards and the Urban Youth Corps Program.

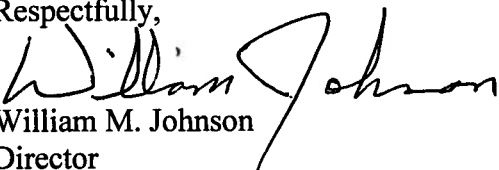
The Urban Youth Corps Program, now called the Transportation Career Development Innovation Program, provides transportation career awareness, student transportation career preparation, training and professional development for transportation workers, including women and minorities. This program is entirely funded through federal grant money, and will be for three years. DOT will advertise a Request for Proposals (RFP) next month to engage organizations that demonstrate innovative workforce development practices and programs to prepare youth and adults ages 17 to 25 for careers in transportation, including transportation maintenance and operations, architecture, urban planning, security services, construction, environmental science, and industrial and information technology. More information about this RFP is available on the attached flyer for interested vendors.

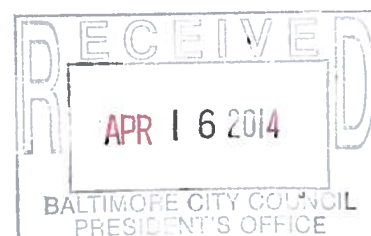
Baltimore City's Crossing Guard Program moves schoolchildren safely to and from schools. It assists children to cross at key locations safely, reminds drivers that there are school age children in the area, reassures parents of their children's safety, and instills safe habits in children at an early age. The program received a total of approximately \$5.5 million in FY14. DOT defers to the Finance Department for information on how the crossing guard program's funding is trifurcated between DOT, Police and the School system; however, DOT implements the program.

The department has experienced savings with this program over the last year. By standardizing the assignment process based on reviews by DOT's Safety and Traffic divisions and according to where it's safest and most effective for children to cross, DOT has more efficiently allocated crossing guards to where they are most needed and where children can most safely cross the street. In so doing, the department has also reduced its daily dependency on substitutes, leaving them available to fill in when and where most necessary as well as saving funds – **without laying off any crossing guards**. DOT has also become more diligent at ensuring summer assignments closely align with where students are attending summer school, resulting in more effective assignments and cost savings. Finally, a portion of the savings from this year resulted from changes to the City's health care system.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Respectfully,


William M. Johnson
Director



Comments

SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD REQUEST FORM

Instructions: Please fill out a separate form for each location where you are requesting a new School Crossing Guard. Answers may be typed directly into this form or you may print the document and fill it out by hand.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

School Name:

Address:

Number of Students:

Grade Levels:

School Start Time:

School Dismissal Time:

LOCATION INFORMATION

Intersection or Crosswalk Requested for Assessment for a School Crossing Guard (*For example, E Fayette St and N Lakewood Ave; or Pennsylvania Avenue between Wilson Street and McMechen Street*):

Student Pedestrian/Bicyclist Count

Instructions: Pick any one-hour period, morning or afternoon, and count how many students cross the street at the location. Please count all students who cross any street at the location where the School Crossing Guard is being requested, but you may not count any student more than once. You may conduct the count during the morning or the afternoon but the count must occur during a single 60-minute period of time. DOT will conduct an independent verification of the count submitted on this form.

Date of Count:

Start Time of Count:

End Time of Count:

Number of Student Pedestrians counted:

Number of Student Bicyclists counted:

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Please Note any Special Reasons why a School Crossing Guard is Needed at this Location (For example, there are many turning vehicles, there is poor visibility, or there is no traffic signal.)

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL ENDORSEMENT AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Principal/Assistant Principal Name:

Telephone Number: **E-mail Address:**

Mailing Address (if Different from School):

Principal/Assistant Principal Signature:

Date:

By signing, I attest that the information on this form is true and accurate, to the best of my knowledge.

E-mail or Fax Completed forms to:
Caroline.Brooks@baltimorecity.gov, (410) 385-2818

Or via postal mail to: DOT Crossing Guard Section
210 Guilford Ave, 2nd floor
Baltimore MD 21211

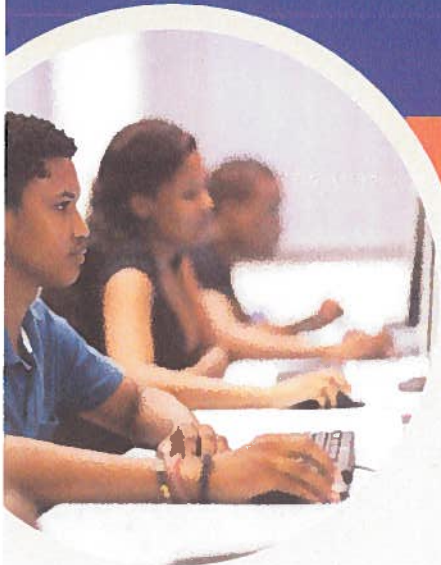
Please allow 30 days for assessment.
For more information, call the School Crossing Guard section at
(410) 545-3705
www.BaltimoreCity.gov

The Baltimore City

Department of Transportation's Upcoming Workforce Enhancement Initiative

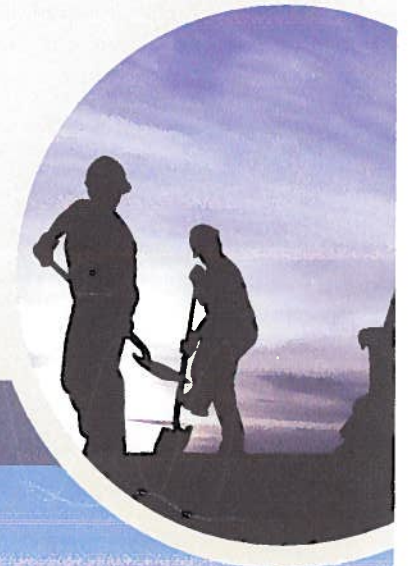
Transportation Career Development Innovation Program

SPRING 2014



The Baltimore City Department of Transportation (BCDOT) is planning to advertise a Request for Proposals (RFP) in Spring 2014. BCDOT is looking for qualified vendors that can provide an innovative workforce development program that prepares participants ages, 17-25, for meaningful careers in surface transportation. These careers can be in areas such as information technology, urban planning, construction, environmental science, architecture, security, industrial technology, and maintenance.

Qualified vendors with at least 3 years of experience in workforce development and currently have the administrative, managerial, and fiscal capacity to provide educational training, soft skills training, life skills development, and practical on-the-job training to the targeted populations should consider submitting a proposal for review. All future proposal submissions and communication will take place via Citi Buy. Interested vendors should register with Baltimore City's Citi Buy system at baltimorecitibuy.org to receive further details when available.



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