



Maryland House of Delegates - Economic Matters Committee

Chair: Dereck E. Davis

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House Bill 020 – Maryland Stadium Authority – Applicability of Prevailing Wage

Position: Support

The Baltimore DC Building Trades Council supports HB 020. The MD Stadium Authority has awarded and managed over \$1 billion in contracts with many more pending contracts to be awarded. Prevailing wage requirements on public contracts require the use of registered apprentices. Every year the MD legislature debates and considers several apprenticeship funding bills, and budgets funds for the State's work force development programs creating pathways for individuals seeking careers in construction and other venues. By having prevailing wage on MDSTA projects those careers would be funded as intended. The wages earned in these careers are readily spent back into the communities where the work is being performed and in communities where these women and men live. No additional burden on contractors. MDSTA uses a Contractor Compliance System through B2Gnow to streamline and automate reporting requirements. The system is accessible to all firms doing business with MDSTA and includes the following key features:

- Automated communication with contractors via email regarding compliance issues
- Online reporting of payments made to MBE and WBE subcontractors with automated tracking of contract goals and participation
- Real-time confirmation of payments by subcontractors

The fiscal note on HB 020 shows no impact to State and Local governments and no impact on small business.

We urge the Committee for a favorable report. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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