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The Honorable Michael E. Busch
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Legislative Services Building, Room 200B
90 State Circle
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Re: Report on the Number of State Certified MBEs
State Finance & Procurement Article §14-303(a)(iii)
Chapter 230, House Bill 250 Procurement – MBE – Certification Process

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

State law requires the Board of Public Works to “keep a record of the aggregate number and the identity of minority business enterprises” that receive State certification. A copy of the record is to be submitted to the General Assembly. See State Finance and Procurement Article, §14-303(a)(iii).

The record requirement is met through the State’s MBE Directory which the Maryland Department of Transportation – the certification agency designated by the Board of Public Works – maintains and continually updates. As of March 15, 2012, the MBE directory lists 5,531 firms.¹ Because the record is maintained only electronically, a copy of the record is conveyed to the General Assembly via the following URL: <http://mbe.mdot.state.md.us/directory>

This reporting method provides the most current information and is an environmentally-sound approach to conveying the required record. The link is available on the Board of Public Works website.

Sincerely,

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cc: The Honorable Martin O'Malley
The Honorable Nancy K. Kopp
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¹ 79 of those firms are certified disadvantaged business enterprises — not MBEs — so they are qualified to participate in projects with DBE goals.