

BLIND INDUSTRIES & SERVICES OF MARYLAND

Frederick J. Puente, *President*

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BUDGET (CODE RA03, formerly 36.01.03)

Funds	FY1994 (actual)	FY1995 (actual)	FY1996 (approp.)
General	\$1,121,171	\$1,121,171	\$1,121,171
Total State	\$1,121,171	\$1,121,171	\$1,121,171
Staff			
Authorized	171	171	171
Contractual (FTE)	0	0	0
Total Staff	171	171	171

MANDATED REPORTS

Annual Report to Governor, General Assembly & Chairs of Joint Budget & Audit Committee.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Frederick J. Puente, *Chair*, 1997

Appointed by Governor with Senate advice & consent: Eileen Rivera Forman, 1997; William E. Hadlock, 1997; Donald J. Morris, 1997; James R. Berens, 1998; Walter A. Brown, Ed.D., 1998; George H. Littrell, Jr., 1998; Joseph S. Roeder, 1998; Lynn C. Clark, Esq., 1999; Harvey E. Kettering, 1999; Barbara A. Newland, 1999.

PRESIDENT

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PRICING COMMITTEE FOR BLIND INDUSTRIES & SERVICES OF MARYLAND
Contact: David L. Reed

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Ex officio: Mary Margaret Smith, designee of Secretary of General Services; Carol Coleman, designee of Secretary of Public Safety & Correctional Services; David L. Reed, designee of President, Blind Industries & Services of Maryland; Sharon Maneki, President, National Federation of the Blind of Maryland.

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BALTIMORE PLANT

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WESTERN MARYLAND PLANT

Marion Leib, *Manager*
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REHABILITATION DIVISION

Rosemary Lerdahl, *Director* . (410) 233-4567

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AIDS & APPLIANCES

Shirley Riffle, *Director* (410) 233-4567

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Angela Hartley, *Director* (410) 233-4567

SALES & MARKETING

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David L. Reed, *Director* . . . (410) 233-4567

SEWN PRODUCTS

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Blind Industries and Services of Maryland originated in 1908 as the Maryland Workshop for the Blind (Chapter 566, Acts of 1908). It adopted its present name in 1973 (Chapter 164, Acts of 1973). Although it is not a State agency, its eleven trustees are appointed for three-year terms by the Governor with Senate advice and consent and it receives State funds.

Blind Industries and Services of Maryland provides employment, vocational training, rehabilitation, and education to blind and severely multi-handicapped blind Marylanders. This includes teaching blind adults day-to-day skills necessary to live in a sighted society. The agency is open for the labor and manufactures of all blind citizens of Maryland over eighteen years of age who can give satisfactory evidence of character and ability to do the work required. All profits from blind industries are used to further the agency's mission (Code 1957, Art. 30, secs. 3-10, 30A).

To carry out these programs, Blind Industries and Services of Maryland operates three divisions: Industrial Products; Rehabilitation; and Vending Services. The agency also transcribes braille and runs an aids and appliances store.

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The Pricing Committee for Blind Industries and Services of Maryland sets prices of supplies and services provided to State government agencies by Blind Industries and Services of Maryland. The Committee reviews contracts to ensure that fair market prices are charged.

The Committee consists of four ex officio members (Code State Finance and Procurement Article, sec. 14-104).

AIDS & APPLIANCES

Shirley Riffle, *Director*
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Blind Industries and Services of Maryland sells, at cost, items such as braille watches, talking clocks, talking calculators, canes, and games. Items are available at the office on Strickland Steet, or by mail-order catalogue.