

BY adding to

The Public Local Laws of Prince George's County
Section 2-232.1
Article 17 - Public Local Laws of Maryland
(1975 Edition, as amended)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 17 - Prince George's County

2-232.1.

~~(A) AS USED IN THIS SECTION A "MINORITY BUSINESS FIRM" IS A FIRM OR ENTERPRISE AT LEAST 50 PERCENT OF WHICH IS OWNED BY MINORITY GROUP MEMBERS.~~

(A) "MINORITY BUSINESS FIRMS" FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION SHALL MEAN A BUSINESS AT LEAST 50 PERCENT OF WHICH IS OWNED BY MINORITY GROUP MEMBERS OR, IN THE CASE OF A PUBLICLY OWNED BUSINESS, AT LEAST 51 PERCENT OF THE STOCK IS OWNED BY MINORITY GROUP MEMBERS, WHICH SHALL BE DEFINED AS UNITED STATES CITIZENS WHO ARE FEMALES, NEGROES, HISPANIC-AMERICANS, ASIAN-AMERICANS, AMERICAN-INDIANS, AMERICAN-ESKIMOS, AND AMERICAN-ALEUTS.

(B) EXCEPT FOR THOSE CONTRACTS THE MAKING OF WHICH IS RESERVED TO THE COUNTY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 25A, § 5 OF THE CODE, A REASONABLE PERCENTAGE OF CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO BY THE COUNTY FOR CONSULTANT OR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES OR FOR THE MANUFACTURE OR FURNISHING OF MATERIALS, SUPPLIES, OR EQUIPMENT IN CONNECTION WITH ANY CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE, OR OPERATION OF IMPROVEMENTS UNDERTAKEN BY THE COUNTY PURSUANT TO SUBTITLE 2 OF THIS CODE SHALL BE AWARDED TO MINORITY BUSINESS FIRMS.

(C) THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL SERVICES FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY SHALL DEVELOP AND ENGAGE IN A PROGRAM DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE AND ASSIST MINORITY BUSINESS FIRMS IN THE COUNTY TO CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY FOR GOODS AND SERVICES. TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, THE PROGRAM SHALL INCLUDE MAINTAINING AN ACCURATE AND CURRENT VENDORS LIST; COOPERATION WITH OTHER AGENCIES TO INSURE THAT EXISTING ON-THE-JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO MINORITY BUSINESS FIRMS; CONSULTATION WITH ALL DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND AGENCIES OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COMMUNITY COLLEGE, THE BI-COUNTY AGENCIES, AND THE SEVERAL MUNICIPALITIES IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY TO ENCOURAGE INTERGOVERNMENTAL PARTICIPATION; AND A CONTINUOUS OUTREACH PROGRAM TO MAKE MINORITY BUSINESS FIRMS AWARE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES TO PROVIDE GOODS AND SERVICES TO THE COUNTY.

(D) THE DIRECTOR SHALL PERIODICALLY REVIEW BIDDING