



# BROOKE'S BPW BRIEF



## Breaking down the Board of Public Works

### Meeting Date

May 15, 2024

## UMCP NEXTGEN ENERGY PROGRAM



In April 2020, the BPW approved a public-private partnership (P3) called the NextGen Energy Program. It is designed to transition the central energy plant at University of Maryland College Park (UMCP) into a highly energy efficient cogeneration facility which would reduce annual carbon emissions by 23% and water usage by 50%. NextGen will help the University meet its sustainability goals: to be carbon neutral by 2025 and a fossil fuel-free energy system by 2035.

Today, the BPW took action that allows UMCP to move forward with NextGen. The Board approved a 33-year ground lease and energy services concession agreement with Maryland Energy Impact Partners, LLC (Columbia, MD) to **design, build, operate, maintain, and renew the campus' primary heating, power, and cooling system.**

This project will move the whole state closer to achieving its ambitious climate goals, and its an excellent example of how energy projects can improve infrastructure, reduce carbon and water usage, create jobs, and be financed in partnership with the private sector.

## Summary Figures

The BPW approved 89 items, representing a total State expenditure of \$1.4 billion including:

- 9 items awarding \$26 million to prime certified small businesses.
- 4 items awarding \$17 million to prime Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs).
- 13 items awarded with established participation goals for MBEs; 1 with goals for Veteran-owned Small Business Enterprises.
- 1 item awarding \$3 million to Employment Works Providers.

## PIMLICO RACE COURSE



The BPW approved a request from the Maryland Thoroughbred Racetrack Operating Authority (MTROA) - a new State entity - to approve a Master Agreement with 6 private partners and the Pimlico Race Course. The agreement transfers control of all horseracing in Maryland to the State, concentrates racing at Pimlico, and invests in the Park Heights Community. Details include:

- (1) The sale and transfer of Pimlico from 1/ST Racing to MTROA for \$1 effective July 2024
- (2) A 3-year lease (Jan. 2025 - 2028) of Laurel Park from Laurel Racing Association LP to MTROA for \$1 annually, for use as a transition facility while new facilities are constructed at Pimlico
- (3) A 10-year exclusive agreement for licensing rights and other IP related to Preakness Stakes and Black-Eyed Susan Stakes from 1/ST to MTROA for ~\$3 million beginning July 2026
- (4) A loan agreement regarding the display and use of the Preakness Stakes trophy
- (5) An operating agreement transferring the rights to conduct all racing activities in Maryland from 1/ST to MTROA beginning Jan. 2025 (with a few exceptions).

## HEALTHCARE FOR INCARCERATED & DETAINED RESIDENTS

The BPW approved a request from the Dept. of Public Safety and Correctional Services to award **Centurion of Maryland, LLC a 5-year \$1.1 billion contract to provide physical and mental healthcare services for incarcerated individuals** at Division of Corrections (DOC) facilities statewide. This contract is structured differently than the current contract in ways that will improve quality and continuity of care. A second contract for services at pre-trial detention facilities in Baltimore City was deferred until the June 5th meeting.

