



Meeting Date
March 4, 2026

BROOKE'S BPW BRIEF

Breaking down the Board of Public Works



COMPTROLLER of MARYLAND

S E R V I N G T H E P E O P L E

FEDERAL WORKER EMERGENCY LOAN PROGRAM EXTENSION

The BPW approved a request from the Department of Labor (DOL) to extend a contract with Submittable Holdings, Inc. (Missoula, MT) to provide a platform capable of administering **2 emergency loan programs**.

The one-year extension was approved at a cost of \$510,290, and necessary to allow time for completion of a competitive procurement.

During her remarks, **Comptroller Lierman applauded the partnership between DOL and the Comptroller's Office**, which was responsible for issuing more than **2,000 emergency loans** to Marylanders impacted by mass layoffs and furloughs.

Summary Figures

The BPW approved 93 items, representing a total State expenditure of \$204.6 million, including:

- 27 grant agreements for projects located in 11 counties and Baltimore City.
- 5 items awarding \$4.2 million to prime certified small businesses.
- 1 item awarding \$239,000 to a certified Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) prime.
- 7 items awarded with established participation goals for MBEs.
- 1 item awarded with a goal for a veteran-owned small business.

ADVANCING LIFE SCIENCES

The BPW approved \$500,000 in capital grant funding to the Technology Council of Maryland to purchase state-of-the-art lab equipment for the **BioHub Maryland in Rockville**.

BioHub Maryland, a workforce initiative of the Maryland Tech Council, helps Marylanders pursue rewarding careers in life sciences by **providing biopharma manufacturing skills training and career resources**.

TITLE IX SERVICES FOR UNIVERSITIES

The BPW approved a request from the University System of Maryland (USM) to award 9 firms a contract to provide a variety of consulting, training and investigation services.

The contract provides USM institutions with as-needed, supplemental resources to conduct Title IX-related activities, in compliance with federal law.

The 3-year contract was awarded at a cost of \$2.4 million.