

## **Maryland Procurement ALERT**

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Baltimore City rolls out new Supplier Diversity Management System with the aim of easing MBE compliance for bidders and contractors

On Friday, October 27, 2023, the Baltimore Mayor's Office of Small and Minority Business Advocacy & Development sent an email to local businesses announcing the inauguration of its new Supplier Diversity Management System (SDMS). The system is designed to make MBE compliance easier for those bidding for City contracts. The SDMS allows vendors to lookup and review current vendor certifications, update contact information, and report contract payment information. The goal is to "simplify and standardize the current participation processes through a fully automated and secured online system."

Those interested in the system can visit: <a href="https://baltimorecity.diversitycompliance.com">https://baltimorecity.diversitycompliance.com</a>. On this site, prospective contractors can sign up for one of two training webinars, currently scheduled for November 14, 2023, and November 16, 2023.

Government contractors are pleased to see the City's program. As Jason Ross, the Vice President, Corporate Services at Skyline Technology Solutions stated, "We support MBE programs at the State and local levels and applaud the Mayor and City of Baltimore for implementing this new system."

We at the Maryland Procurement ALERT are curious about SDMS users' experience and would love to hear your comments on our <u>LinkedIn Group</u>.

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