



## **PRINCE GEORGE'S CONTRACTORS & BUSINESS ASSOCIATION**

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Water Quality Certification

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Dear Ms. Spendiff,

The Prince George's Contractors & Business Association wishes to express its support of Baltimore-Washington Rapid Rail's (BWRR) application for Water Quality Certification.

The Prince George's Contractors & Business Association was formed in 1991, as a business advocacy organization to insure that Prince George's County minority business and women business enterprises received their fair share of contract opportunities, whether public or private. Over the thirty-two years of existence, the organization has gained the reputation of being an advocate in pursuit of development projects, legislation and laws that left no one behind.

We support the Baltimore-Washington Rapid Rail (BWRR) the developer behind the proposed Superconducting Magnetic Levitation (SCMAGLEV) train. Their goal is to build a ultra-high-speed rail system along the United States' Northeast Corridor. The first phase would be constructed between Baltimore and Washington, D.C. with a stop at Thurgood Marshall/BWI Airport. At 311mph, the SCMAGLEV will connect the major cities and airports along the corridor. Ultimately, the system will provide reliable high-speed transportation between Washington, D.C. and New York City in just one hour.

This project will provide more direct and indirect opportunities for MBE & WBE firms than any other transportation project undertaken in the region in 54 years beginning with the construction of Metro in 1969. This project has the potential to create 123,000 construction related jobs in the region, 38,000 professional services jobs in the region, and \$8.8 billion in employee earnings.

In addition to the economic benefits, this project will reduce highway congestion and improve air quality in the region while also addressing the transportation needs to support the predicted population growth.

Sincerely,

*Rev. Bruce Branch*

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