COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND 2025 Legislative Session

Resolution No.	CR-087-2025			
Proposed by	Council Member Oriadha			
Introduced by	Council Members Oriadha, Burroughs, Adams-Stafford, Blegay, Ivey and			
	Watson			
Co-Sponsors				
Date of Introduc	ction September 9, 2025			

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION concerning

The Minority Business Enterprise Prime Contractor Initiative

For the purpose of encouraging the establishment of a pilot cohort program to support the development and advancement of County Based Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) subcontractors into prime contractors on construction projects by providing targeted training, technical assistance, mentorship, and access to procurement and contract opportunities in partnership with the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) and the Office of Procurement.

WHEREAS, Prince George's County is committed to advancing equity and inclusion in County procurement and contracting opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs) play a vital role in the County's economic development but often face structural and systemic barriers to becoming prime contractors; and

WHEREAS, providing targeted support, training, mentorship, and access to procurement resources can enhance the capacity and competitiveness of MBEs and foster long-term economic sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) and the Office of Procurement possess the institutional knowledge, networks, and authority to implement a targeted MBE development initiative; and

WHEREAS, the County Council desires the County to establish a pilot cohort to serve as a model for long-term MBE advancement and procurement equity.

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1		NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's			
2	County, Maryland, that the County Council hereby encourages the establishment of the MBE				
3	Prime Contractor Advancement Pilot Program ("Program"), which should serve a cohort of five				
4	(5) certified Minority Business Enterprise subcontractors annually, with the intent of supporting				
5	their progression to become County-certified prime contractors.				
6		BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Program should be jointly administered by the			
7	following County entities:				
8	1)	The Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation (EDC); and			
9	2)	The Office of Procurement, including its Supplier Development and Diversity Division.			
10		BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these agencies through the Program should collaborate			
11	to:				
12	1)	Identify eligible MBE subcontractors for participation; and			
13	2)	Design a 12-month development curriculum, including training, mentorship, financial			
14		literacy, bonding assistance, and procurement readiness; and			
15	3)	Provide participants with access to contract forecasting, bid preparation support, and			
16		business development services; and			
17	4)	Facilitate introductions and matchmaking with general contractors and procurement			
18		officers.			
19		BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that eligible participants should:			
20	1)	Possess a current MBE certification recognized by Prince George's County; and			
21	2)	Demonstrate at least two (2) years of subcontracting experience on public or private sector			
22		projects; and			
23	3)	Submit a statement of interest, capability profile, and references.			
24		BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County should establish a Selection Committee to			
25	evaluate applicants and select five (5) participants annually based on established criteria.				
26		BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that The EDC and Office of Procurement shall submit an			
27	annual report to the County Council within 90 days of the close of each program cycle detailing:				
28	1)	Cohort participant progress and outcomes; and			
29	2)	Contracting awards or procurement advancements obtained; and			
30	3)	Recommendations for program improvement and potential expansion.			
31		BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the program shall be reviewed for effectiveness after			

the second cycle, with findings presented to the Council for consideration of permanent institutionalization.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Council encourages the County Executive to identify and allocate necessary funding and resources for program implementation, including staff, training partners, and program materials.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that The County may seek supplemental funding through public-private partnerships, grants, or federal/state economic development programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Council strongly encourages all relevant County agencies to prioritize the development of historically underrepresented business communities and to align this initiative with the County's broader equity and economic justice goals.

Adopted this	_ day of	, 2025.
		COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
		BY:Edward P. Burroughs III Chair
ATTEST:		
Donna J. Brown Clerk of the Council		_

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