LEGISLATIVE BILLS 2015 - Passed

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SB 30 & HB 129 Veteran Owned Small Business Awards (Opposed)

Changes language from “Low Bidder” to “Responsible Bidder” that meets the “Expected Goal”

 Senate: Approved by Governor – CHAPTER 3

 House: Returned Passed

SB 579 & HB 844 Small Business Surety Bond Program Increase (Opposed)

Increase from $1,350,000 to $2,250,000 the amount of a performance bond that can be guaranteed by the Md. Small Business Development Financing Authority.

 Senate: Returned Passed

 House: Approved by Governor – Chapter 16

HB 156 & SB 133 Bay Restoration Funds (Favor)

Allows up to 87.5% of costs to be used to upgrade sewers.

 House: Returned Passed

 Senate: Passed Enrolled

HB 233 Trailer Loading Devices (Favor)

Excludes up to 24” of trailer loading devices form the calculation of the length of a motor vehicle.

 Approved by Governor – Chapter 80

HB 243 & SB 350 Veteran Owned Participation Goal (Opposed)

Changes the required minimum Veteran Small Business goal from 0.5% to 1% participation.

 House: RETURNED PASSED

 Senate: In Senate – Passed Enrolled

HB 341 & SB 401 Underground Detectable Wires for Sewer (Favor)

Requires all new or replaced sewers to be buried with detectable wire.

 House: Passed Enrolled

 Senate: Approved by Governor – Chapter 29

HB 358 & SB 368 Cancellations or Non-renewal of Workers’ Comp (Favor)

Changes from 30 to 45 days the notice required for an Insurer to cancel the Workers’ Comp insurance of an Employer, unless the premium was unpaid.

 House: Approved by Governor – Chapter 88

 Senate: Returned Passed

HB 440 Howard County Certificates of Guarantee as Bond (Opposed)

Allows, but does not require, Howard County to accept Certificates of Guarantee from a nonprofit Association of Contractors on behalf of a Contractor in lieu of a bond.

 Returned Passed

HB 509 Statute of Limitations for Dept. of Environment (Favor)

Establishes a 5 year statute of limitations for instituting an administrative penalty by the Dept. of the Environment (Sediment Control).

 Passed Enrolled

HB 738 Jurisdiction of Participation in Procurement (Favor)

Gives Jurisdiction to the Md. Board of Contract Appeals to make sure that bidders that help design specifications are not allowed to bid on the jobs they designed.

 Passed Enrolled

HB 1224 Snow Removal Contracts (Favor)

Authorizes the SHA to enter into pretreatment and snow/ice removal contracts with Contractors and requires reports as to number of contracts awarded, total dollar amounts, and amount expended with MBE and Small Business firms.

 Returned Passed