LEGAL NOTICES

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION
PURCHASING OFFICE
INVITATION FOR BIDS
CONTRACT NO. 18070
FOR
FURNISHING AND DELIVERING
BRASS SERVICE FITTINGS

Sealed bids for Furnishing and Delivering Brass Service Fittings, Contract No. 18070, will be received in the Bid Room of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, Warehousing Building, Procurement Office, Second Floor, 4101 Lloyd Street, Hyattsville, Maryland 20781 until Friday, April 27, 1990, at 3:00 P.M., at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read.

Specifications may be obtained from John T. Jackson, Contract Specialist of the Commission. Copies of the bid may be obtained by calling (301) 699-4841.

William S. Lindung
Secretary/Treasurer

CITY OF BALTIMORE
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
NOTICE OF LETTING

Baltimore, MD

Sealed proposals, in duplicate, addressed to the Board of Estimates of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore and endorsed: PROPOSAL FOR RAZING STRUCTURES AND CLEARING SITE LOCATED IN SCATTERED SITES, DEMOLITION AREA NO. 371, JOB NO. 7-9, Room 204, City Hall, Baltimore, Maryland, until Wednesday, April 25, 1990 at 11 o'clock A.M. Eastern Daylight Time (positively no bids received after eleven o'clock noon on said date they will be publicly opened and read by the Board of Estimates in Room 215 in said City Hall.

Bids in excess of $100,000.00 will require a bid guaranty in the form of a check of any type drawn upon any solvent banking institution made payable to the Director of Finance or a bid bond executed on the form as provided in the Bid or Proposal for an amount which is determined by multiplying the total bid submitted by five percent, or a certification of valid annual bid bond on file with the Department of Finance.

On bids in excess of $100,000.00, the successful bidder will be required to give a Performance Bond and Payment Bond in the amounts called for in the specifications. In the event a Performance Bond and/or Payment Bond is required in an amount not exceeding $200,000.00, the successful bidder may provide the necessary Bond(s) through the City's Self-Insurance program in accordance with Article I, Section 195-200 of the Baltimore City Code (1983) Replacement Volume, as amended). Bidders may contact the Department of Finance, Office of Risk Management, for the eligibility requirements and premium costs.

Drawings, specifications and other contract documents may be obtained at the Department of Housing and Community Development, Room 301, Charles L. Benton, Jr. Building, 417 E. Fayette Street, Baltimore, Maryland, on or after April 6, 1990, upon deposit of a check payable to the Director of Finance in the amount of Ten Dollars ($10.00), which amount will not be refunded. CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

The Board of Estimates reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and/or to waive technical defects as it may deem best for the interest of the City.

Bids, when filed, shall be irrevocable.

Attention of bidders is called to the fact that not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the Contract Documents must be paid on this project and that the Contractor must insure that the employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, creed, color, national origin, sex or religion.

The successful bidder may be required to prepare and submit an Affirmative Action Program regarding the employment of minority job applicants, Details are set forth in the Contract Documents under 41 CFR 60-4.2(d), "Notice of Requirement for Affirmative Action to Ensure Equal Employment Opportunity (Executive Order 11246)" and 41 CFR 60-4.3 (a) "Standard Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications (Executive Order 11246)". In accordance with Section 3 of HUD Act 1968, prior to the signing of a contract, the successful bidder must submit a preliminary statement of work force needs, where known. Where not known, this information must be supplied prior to the signing of any contract between the Contractor and his Subcontractors.

Under the Baltimore City Minority and Women's Business Enterprises Program the successful bidder must comply with the goal requirements to subcontract twenty percent (20) of the total contract to Minority Businesses and three percent (3%) of the total contract to Women's Businesses.

All contractors bidding on this Contract must first be prequalified by the City of Baltimore Contractors Qualification Committee, 1105 Municipal Building, Baltimore, Maryland 21202 whose recommendations for an assigned dollar work Capacity Rating and work Classification(s) are effective after ratification and confirmation by the Board of Estimates. Contractors will not be permitted to bid for any single Contract having a dollar value, when added to the contractor's uncompleted backlog at the time of award, exceeds the contractor's assigned Work Capacity Rating. Subcontractors intending to perform work in excess of $25,000.00 on this Contract must have established qualification for an adequate Work Capacity Rating and the necessary Work Classification(s) before they are permitted to commence work.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on April 16, 1990, at 10:00 A.M. in Room 301, Charles L. Benton, Jr. Building, 417 E. Fayette Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202. Prospective Bidders are expected to attend the meeting.

The Cost Classification Range for this project will be from $15,000.00 to $50,000.00.

APPROVED:
HYMAN PRESSMAN
Secretary, Board of Estimates

APPROVED:
ROBERT W. HEARN
Commissioner, Department of Housing and Community Development

APPROVED:
RUDOLPH F. JANSSEN
Director, Construction and Buildings Inspection

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NOTICE OF LETTING
HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND

Sealed proposals for construction will be received from qualified bidders at the Howard County Division of Purchasing, John Lee Carroll Building, First Floor, 3450 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD, 21043 until 2:00 P.M. on the date indicated when they will be opened and read.

TRAFFIC SIGNAL, CAPITAL PROJECT T-7050EE

Plans and specifications for the construction of a traffic signal at Montgomery Road and Rowenberry Drive are available at a non-refundable cost of $25.00. The traffic signal project is in Cost Group A. It must be completed in 40 working days. The proposals will be opened April 26, 1990.

Howard County hereby notifies all bidders that Minority Business Enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to sumbit bids in response to this notice and will not be subject to discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex or national origin in consideration of this award. It is the goal of Howard County that Minority Business Enterprises participate in 10% of the total value of prime construction contracts in excess of $25,000.00. All bidders shall submit with their bids, the County's Minority Affirmative Action Certificate.

Specifications and plans may be obtained in the Department of Inspections, Licenses & Permits, First Floor, George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, Md 21043.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a CERTIFIED CHECK or bid bond in the amount of 5% of the total bid made payable to the Director of Finance - Howard County, Maryland.

Howard County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to award the contract in its entirety, or in part, whichever, in their opinion best serves the interest of the County.

Harry H. Bain
Chief of Purchasing

CITY OF BALTIMORE
AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT CDBG-16 AND THE CDBG-15 FINAL STATEMENTS

The City of Baltimore is proposing to adopt changes to the draft CDBG-16 and the CDBG-15 Final Statements.

The City was recently notified that the CDBG-16 allocation for Baltimore is $21,408,000. It should be noted that this is the second amendment to the CDBG-16 Statement in which, among other things, the entitlement amount has been decreased. In order to reflect this additional reduction of $218,000 in federal funding, it is proposed that the CDBG-16 Statement be amended to reflect: (1) a reduction of $78,000 in the allocation for the "City-Wide Acquisition," and (2) to delete the $140,000 allocated for the removal of asbestos from property located in the 1300 block Laurens Street.

Other changes proposed for the draft CDBG-16 and the CDBG-15 Final Statements generally involve: (1) the deletion and/or addition of activities; and (2) a redistribution of CDBG and City Bond funds.

For further information telephone 396-4207 or visit 417 E. Fayette Street, Suite 355, where copies of the proposed amended Statements are available for review. Any comments must be submitted in writing to Mr. Robert M. Goetz, Acting Chief, Monitoring and Documentation, Suite 355, 417 E. Fayette, Baltimore, Maryland 21202. The deadline for written comments is Friday, April 20, 1990.

Robert W. Hearn,
Commissioner
Department of Housing and Community Development

RECONSTRUCTION OF WELL
HOUSE NO. 1
BROAD CREEK WATER SUPPLY
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
BID NO. 028-UT
Project No. W-6255

Sealed proposal, addressed to Anne Arundel County, Proposal No. 028-UT for construction of the reconstruction of well house No. 1, Broad Creek Water Supply for the Department of Utilities will be received until 1:00 P.M. local time, Tuesday, April 24, 1990, at the Office of the Purchasing Agent, 3rd Floor, Arundel Center, Northwest and Calvert Streets, Annapolis, Maryland, after which they will be publicly opened and read in the County Council Chambers, 1st Floor, Arundel Center.

The proposed work includes the following items of work:

Rehabilitation to the existing Well House including replacement of interior mechanical items, the addition of a second floor and roof associated structural, electrical and mechanical work, and site work to include excavation and backfill, sediment and erosion control and maintenance of State Highway Traffic.

The Information for Bidders, form of Bid, form of Proposal, Plans, and Specifications, may be examined at the Department of Utilities, 2662 Riva Road, Annapolis, Maryland and copies of these documents may to be obtained upon payment of $20.00, which will not be refunded.

This contract will be constructed under the provisions of the September 1988 "Standards for Construction" and "Standard Details," and any subsequent addenda thereto.

The cost ranged for the project is: up to $100,000 THE CONTRACTOR OR ANY SUBCONTRACTOR ON THIS WORK WILL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH EXECUTIVE ORDER 11246, ENTITLED "EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY" AS AMENDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER 11375, AND AS SUPPLEMENTED IN U.S. DEPT. OF LABOR REGULATIONS (41 CFR PART 60).

ON April 17, 1990 AT 10:00 a.m. LOCAL TIME, A PRE-BIDDING CONFERENCE" WILL BE HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES, 2662 RIVA ROAD, ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401. THIS CONFERENCE IS SIMPLY TO CLARIFY ANY INTERPRETATION OF PLANS, SPECIAL PROVISIONS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND RIGHT-OF-WAY SO ADVERTISED AND INTENDED FOR BIDDING PURPOSE.

ALL POTENTIAL BIDDERS ARE REQUESTED TO ATTEND THIS CONFERENCE: HOWEVER, ATTENDANCE IS NOT A REQUIREMENT OF THE CONTRACT.

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY
JAME F. RYAN
PURCHASING AGENT

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PUBLIC NOTICE
The Baltimore County Commission on Aging
Cordially Invites ALL Interested Parties
To Attend a
PUBLIC HEARING
on the
Program and Service Needs
of the
Older Residents of Baltimore County
The Public Hearing shall be held on
Monday, April 23, 1990 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
at the
BYKOTA SENIOR CENTER
611 Central Avenue
Towson, MD 21204

Speakers are invited to address the needs of seniors for: Information and Assistance, Transportation, Nutrition, Legal Assistance, Health Services, Employment Education, Senior Center Services, Housing, Long Term Care and In-Home Assistance. Testimony will also be accepted in writing until April 23, 1990.

For questions or submission of written testimony, please contact the Baltimore County Department of Aging, 611 Central Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204 or call 887-2107.

STATE OF MARYLAND
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
STATE RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION
REQUESTS FOR BIDS
REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF CONTAMINATED MATERIAL

The State Railroad Administration, Maryland Department of Transportation, is soliciting bids from qualified firms to remove contaminated materials consisting of PCB, asbestos, underground storage tanks and lead paint at the Federal Depot located at 2800 Eastern Blvd., Middle River, Maryland.

Sealed bids will be received until 1:00 p.m., local time, May 10, 1990. Bids are to be addressed to Clyde A. Raleigh, Chief Engineer, State Railroad Administration, P.O. Box 8718, 5 Amtrak Way, BWI Airport, Maryland 21240-8718. Bids not delivered by the time and date stated shall not be considered.

A pre-bid conference will be held on May 2, 1990 at 10:00 a.m. at the project site, 2800 Eastern Blvd., Middle River, Maryland.

Firms may bid on one or more of four separate maintenance contracts. Necessary information and bid forms may be obtained by contacting Ms. Betty Fitch at (301) 859-7415. Four separate awards will be made.

Minority Business Enterprises are encouraged to respond to this solicitation notice.

The Administration reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids in the best interest of the State.

RICHARD KEEN
Administrator
State Railroad Administration

CITY OF BALTIMORE
BUREAU OF PURCHASES

Sealed Proposals addressed to the Board of Estimates, of City Comptroller, Room 204, City Hall, 100 North Holliday Street, to supply the following items and/or services, will be received until, but not later than 11:00 a.m. local time on the following date(s):

APRIL 18, 1990
LIBRARY BOOKS BP-90703
APRIL 25, 1990
INSTALLATION/REPAIR OF CEILING SYSTEMS AT VARIOUS CITY AGENCIES BP-18590; REPLACEMENT OF INTERIOR STAIR FIRE DOORS AT SCHOOL NO. 82 BP-18690.

Such Proposals must be submitted on and meet all the requirements of, the individual bid documents which may be obtained from the Office of the City Purchasing Agent, 111 N. Calvert Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202. Bid Check or Annual Bid Bond Coverage will be required for bids over $100,000.00. All bids, when filed, shall be irrevocable. Contract awards between $100,000.01 and $200,000.00 will require payment of premium under the City Self Insurance Program. Contract awards above $200,000.00 will require a Performance Bond or a letter of Credit. All contracts require compliance with Ordinance 790 pertaining to utilization of minority business and women owned business enterprises. The participation goals are 20% for minority business enterprises and 3% for women and businesses.

ELLA H. PIERCE, CPPO, C.P.M.
CITY PURCHASING AGENT

Barry attorney:

Throw it out!

MAYOR MARION BARRY, shown giving the victory sign to supporters after his Feb. 15 arraignment, may really have reason to celebrate if the charges against him are dropped.

WASHINGTON (UPI) — An attorney for Mayor Marion Barry asked a federal judge to dismiss all eight charges of perjury and cocaine possession against him, claiming the government "manufactured the crime" leading to the mayor's Jan. 18 drug arrest, according to court papers released April 11.

Mr. Barry's attorney, R. Kenneth Mundy, told U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson that the mayor had no intention of using drugs the night he was arrested, and that prosecutors "endangered" Mr. Barry's life by luring him to the hotel and arranging for him to use crack cocaine.

Mr. Mundy also claimed prosecutors violated their own laws through a "conspiracy to distribute cocaine on the part of the government."

Mr. Barry was arrested Jan. 18 at the Vista International Hotel in downtown Washington after he allegedly was videotaped smoking crack cocaine.

He was indicted Feb. 15 on five misdemeanor counts of cocaine possession and three felony counts of perjury for telling a grand jury that he had not used drugs in the past.

A June 4 trial is scheduled. If convicted of all the charges, the mayor could face 20 years in prison and $1.25 million in fines.

Mr. Mundy filed 11 motion's on April 10, in U.S. District Court asking Judge Jackson to dismiss all the charges, claiming prosecutors violated Mr. Barry's right to due process as guaranteed by the Fifth Amendment.

Mr. Mundy charged government informant Hazel "Rasheeda" Moore lured Mr. Barry to her room in the Vista by refusing to meet him in the bar or restaurant downstairs.

Mr. Mundy said prosecutors, who had three hidden surveillance cameras taping Mr. Barry in the hotel room, "anticipated" the mayor would bring cocaine with him, but when he did not, a female undercover agent who had left the room came back with the drug.

"When it became apparent that Marion Barry had not brought any cocaine to the hotel, and that he was preparing to leave without any narcotic activity taking place, the undercover agent called back to the room and subsequently returned with the cocaine," the motion charged.

"It is clear that on this particular occasion, the government manufactured the crime," Mr. Mundy alleged.

"Whatever terminology the government chooses to use . . . the fact is that the agents, with the approval of the United States Attorney's Offic, distributed a controlled substance."

Responding, U.S. Attorney Jay Stephens said, "We will respond to all defense motions in court." He has 10 days to do so.

Mr. Barry, who underwent seven weeks of in-patient treatment for alcoholism and addiction to prescription drugs after his arrest, reportedly had been drinking cognac prior to his arrest. He has blamed his legal problems on alcoholism — a defense Mr. Mundy is expected to use should the case go to trial.

Last week, Mr. Barry was welcomed with thunderous applause at a four-day meeting of Black mayors in New Orleans.

In other Barry administration matters, the mayor this week announced the resignation of Peter Parham as director of the District's largest agency, the Department of Human Services.

Mr. Parham, a long-time Barry associate, joins a growing list of city officials who have resigned in recent months.

Mayor Barry named N. Anthony Calhoun as interim director of the agency. Mr. Calhoun has been Controller of the D.C. government since 1984. He was promoted to this position after having served as controller for the Department of Human Services.

Alexander nominated

NORFOLK—Hubert T. Alexander, director of Norfolk State University's Hotel, Restaurant Institutional Management (HRIM) program, has been nominated for the 1990 Council on Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Education (CHRIE) Achievement Award. The award is presented annually for outstanding achievement in advancing the field of hospitality tourism education.

Sponsored by Marriott Corporation, the award includes a $5,000 cash prize. The award recipient will receive $2,500, and the recipient's academic institution will receive the remaining $2,500 to be used for a special project within the institution's hospitality/tourism education program.

Specific criteria for the award are: a) innovativeness or creativity in advancing the field of hospitality tourism education; b) personal characteristics, including, but not limited to: dedication, high professional standards, leadership, role model created for students, colleagues and industry practitioners, and commitment to continued self-development; c) outstanding service to CHRIE; and d) outstanding service to the hospitality industry.

The award will be presented at the awards banquet on Friday August 3, 1990, during the 1990 Annual CHRIE Conference at the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel near Washington, D.C.

Hubert Alexander

Alexander became HRIM's director in September 1988, after spending nearly 50 years in the hospitality industry management and education fields, the last 31 in various managerial capacities at the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. Since his arrival at NSU, HRIM has flourished, attracting the attention of the local, national and international hospitality industry and establishing itself as a program destined, in Alexander's words, "to be one of the finest hotel programs in the country, barring none."

Last September, Alexander was appointed to CHRIE's Accreditation Commission for Programs in Hospitality Administration. He will serve a three-year term as representative of education at small public colleges and universities.

Established in 1986 as an option in what was then the home economics program, HRIM, now a full-fledged degree granting program in the consumer services and family studies department, today boasts over 100 students. HRIM will have its first full graduating class in May.

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ANOTHER ERA BEGINS

Parks Sausage Company continues the tradition that started in 1951 with a new headquarters building.

New home to open

By Helen Glover Cook
AFRO Staff Writer

On Saturday, April 28, the mammoth Parks Sausage Company complex which houses the company's administrative offices and processing plant will officially open its doors to the public.

The grand opening will afford city residents and interested parties an opportunity to explore the interior of the building and view the facilities used to make the sausage known by its famous advertisement in which a boy finished with his first helping of breakfast cries "More Parks Sausages Mom, Please!"

The junction of Reistertown Rd. and Druid Park Drive

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High court hears Craig case

ATTORNEY MURPHY — "too much of a price to pay."

By Olive Vassell

WASHINGTON

William "Billy" Murphy, the flamboyant criminal lawyer who defended drug dealer Rayful Edmond III in a well-publicized case last year, made his first appearance before the U.S. Supreme Court this week to argue that the constitutional rights of former Maryland day care facility owner Sandra Ann Craig were violated, because youngsters who accused her of child abuse, did not face her in court.

The children's testimonies were televised live to a jury in the 1987 trial of Mrs. Craig and her 17-year-old son Jamal.

Mrs. Craig, the former owner of Craig's Country Pre-School in Howard County was convicted of the physical and sexual abuse of young children left in her care.

The conviction, however was lifted last sunner.

Attorney Murphy told the justices that "it is too much of

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PARK HEIGHTS COMMUNITY OUTRAGED OVER:

Shotgunning of grandmother

By Will Marshall
AFRO Staff Writer

Monday morning Mrs. Annie White, known to her neighbors as "Miss Annie," was shot and killed by two Baltimore City police officers.

Contrary to earlier reports, the 79-year-old Miss Annie, born May 21, 1910 would have been 80 next month. Miss Annie suffered from a brain tumor and had a glass eye.

According to her sister, Mrs. Alverta Walker, "she had a cataract and glaucoma in her good eye." That Miss Annie was not a healthy person was evident "just by looking at her" stated her sister.

Although the basic facts are known, there are many questions that the family and friends of Mrs. Annie Louise White, and the community at large want answered.

Mrs. Walker, and Jennis White, her son want to know when they will be able to view the body. As of 12 noon Thursday they had yet to view Miss Annie's remains.

According to Mrs. Walker, the police "didn't let me see my sister at all after it happened."

She continued saying, "I don't know when they took her to the hospital. They let me in the house to get my clothes and took me straight down to the station house."

Frank Conaway, candidate for Sheriff of Baltimore City, and Charles Dugger, of the Committee to Establish a Civilian Review Board, also feel that Miss Annie's death could have been avoided if the responding officers handled

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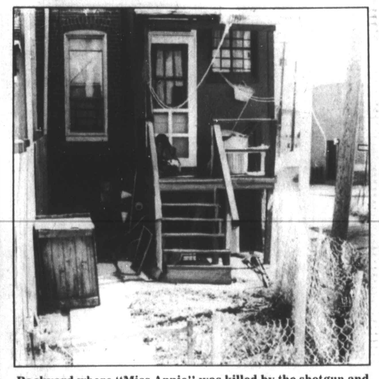
Mrs. Alverta Walker



Backyard where "Miss Annie" was killed by the shotgun and .38 caliber blasts of police officers' guns.

NO REMORSE ON THE STREET FOR:

Busted drug lord suspect

By Helen Glover Cook
AFRO Staff Writer

"Where did he have to travel to that he needed so many cars?" asked a city resident in response to the seizure of a Mercedes, Ferrari and a Jaguar confiscated during a raid at the Linden Ave. home of Linwood "Rudy" Williams.

The answer was supplied by the local neighborhood sage who said,"He must have wanted to drive them to jail but he can't drive those slick cars or any kind of cars up and down the tiers of a prison and the cells are out cause they are even smaller."

Throughout the city opinions of "Rudy" fluctuated between high and low. Some looked upon "Rudy" as a hero and drug culture demigod.

Other responses included that of a local grocery store owner who said, "Good business practices and sound investments should assure anyone making illegal money of holding on to it.

I heard that Williams used murder as a management tool. The risk in breaking the law is bad enough by itself.He shouldn't make it any worse by adding murder to his crimes."

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FUNERAL RITES MONDAY:

Rev. Ralph Abernathy

ATLANTA — A memorial service for the Rev. Ralph David Abernathy will be held Sunday evening at his Atlanta church, and the close friend of Martin Luther King, Jr. once said he wanted to be remembered with one phrase: "I tried."

Rev. Abernathy, 64, died Tuesday in Crawford Long Memorial of a heart attack. He was hospitalized March 23 for what doctors called a low sodium condition and had been treated for strokes in the past.

The memorial service will be at 7:30 p.m. at West Hunter Street Baptist Church, The

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Racial discrimination cases are surfacing

By Joy M. Tyler
AFRO Staff Reporter

The Maryland Commission on Human Relations has announced that seven Maryland firms, along with the Baltimore City Administration, are guilty of racial discrimination. Although a discrimination complaint against the MTA is still unsettled, the complainant in the case vows she "won't sell out to the devil!"

Saint Kammefa Ann White refuses, as she calls it, "to sell her soul to the devil."

The devil is the Mass Transit Administration (MTA) and its refusal to admit to discrimination and her legitimate claim for adequate compensation.

White's case has been dragging on for over four years with the MTA, the governors office, and Human Relations Commission and still no quick resolution seems to be on its way.

In 1985, Ms. White was on the staff of the Maryland Commission on Human Relations (MCHR), the state's civil rights enforcement agency, when she filed a complaint alleging that the MTA had denied her a job after receiving a probable cause finding she had written as an investigator for complaints against the MTA on behalf of the Disabled in Action Of Baltimore, Inc.

The group had charged the MTA with not providing the disabled community equal access to its transportation system. Meanwhile, White had applied for the Manager, Equal Opportunity vacancy at the MTA.

At the conclusion of her investigation, she wrote a finding which supported the disabled community's allegations. Shortly after being told she was qualified and favored for the managers job three pay levels higher than the position she was working in, another candidate was given the position instead.

For White, it was devastating and caused a breakdown because she felt the job was lost due in part to her assigned investigation that found the MTA in violation to equal access for the disabled and partly due to discrimination.

The case was referred to the attorney general's office which confirmed White's allegations. The finding was upheld against the MTA, but several snags have hampered any final resolution.

The MTA initially offered White a settlement of $3,000 and when she found it unacceptable, it was raised to a final offer of $5,000 which she still refuses based on what she says is the MTA's refusal to "make whole remedy, and admit fault. Anything else would 'sell her out'."

The money offered did not compensate for her psychiatric collapse upon learning that another received the position nor did it make up for absence due to illness and the loss of her skills.

By Maryland law, a "victim," as White calls herself, is entitled to back pay plus interest and front pay. The MTA also made no attempt to offer the next available comparable position for which she was qualified.

According to White the whole matter added insult to injury by the governors office not responding to her request for, the legal defense of her choice, an African American attorney who specializes in civil rights.

"The only major Black involved is me . . ." said White. ". . .and I am the victim. I have an obligation to demand that my community receives the opportunities to participate at the highest levels."

It was this specific request that stalled the case for a year, and White feels that the governors office lack of resources to hire a Black attorney has hindered efforts to resolve the case.

The case has been referred back to the Human Relations Commission which is currently awaiting a public hearing to try and finalize the case.

Charles Harvey, of the Human Relations Commission, who is handling the White case, said he could not discuss any case that was currently open, but did explain that although the White's case is unusually lengthy, "it depends on what circumstances are included in each case and the companies who don't want to cooperate and challenge every finding in the process, can drag things on for long periods."

Mrs White who is frustrated at the whole process says she can't sit still and accept discrimination and then accept a "puny" payoff to get out of the MTA's hair.

"If I accept the money that they (MTA) wants to settle for, then I would be letting them push all of those around who feel they have been discriminated against. The MTA would never change their practices and think we (Blacks) will always sell out for a buck."

Ms. White is presently the equal opportunity officer for the Maryland Department of Agriculture.

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