

Maryland Transportation Authority picks subcontractors for \$56M travel plaza project

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Eight Baltimore-area companies — including six that are women- or minority-owned — have been hired as subcontractors on the state's \$56 million plan to rebuild two Interstate 95 travel plazas in Cecil and Harford counties.

The Maryland Transportation Authority said Monday that [it has selected Areas USA Inc.](#) to lead the redevelopment of the Maryland House and Chesapeake House and manage the renovated facilities. The public-private partnership in which the state will continue to own the properties still needs the approval of Maryland's Board of Public Works and state lawmakers.

### **PHOTOS: Renderings of the planned travel plazas**

Included in the state's press release about the 35-year contract was the names of the 13 companies Areas USA has selected as subcontractors. Among them are:

- Baltimore architecture firm Ayers Saint Gross;
- Bethesda contractor Clark Construction;
- Columbia contractor Cain Contracting Inc.;
- Baltimore design firm WBCM;
- Arizona-based architecture and interior design firm Fitch;
- Woodbine-based environmental design firm Aria Environmental Inc., a woman-owned business;
- Cagley & Associates, a minority-owned structural engineering firm in Rockville;
- Philadelphia-based lighting designer the Lighting Practice;
- L&J Construction, a minority-owned snow removal business in Baltimore;
- L&J Waste Recycling Inc., a minority-owned waste management firm in Baltimore;
- 4 Evergreen Lawncare LLC, a minority-owned landscape maintenance firm in Baltimore;
- NMP Engineering Consultants Inc., a minority-owned water resources engineering firm in Hunt Valley; and,
- Sunoco Inc., the fuel and convenience store operator from Philadelphia.

Both travel plazas are expected to be renovated by September 2014, with the Maryland House slated to reopen by December 2013.