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*As President of BCCAAC, it is my honor to chair an Oversight Committee, of Anne Arundel County Public Schools, Anne Arundel County, Maryland. AACPS Oversight Committee is charged with the responsibility of ensuring that equity prevails within the procurement program of AACPS. Heretofore prior to the inception and involvement of BCCAAC, minority contractors were minimized and contracts awarded to minority were few and limited. In fact, during the year of 2003, African American received slightly more than \$100,000.00 in total contracts. Howbeit, as a result of BCCAAC, by way of the Oversight Committee, (AACPS), minority sub-contractors have made great strides. Contracts towards minority businesses have increased (ten) fold. Below is a sample of gains and of BCCAAC'S contribution- advocacy and voice for minority businesses.*

*The results herein demonstrate that minorities are making great gains due to the monitoring and the procurement plan adopted by AACPS, School System. In March of 2011, a bid opened totaling \$ 15, 949,059.00; the overall goal for MBE, was 25.17%; MBE's were awarded a total of \$ 4, 474, 178.20. Altogether African American, were awarded a total of \$ 2, 242, 849.00; women were awarded a total of \$1, 849, and 985.20.....Hispanic, were awarded a total of \$359,824. 00. Awardees for the year of 2008, minority contractors, constituted a total of (96) MBE'S; 2009, a total of (129); and for the year of 2010, a total of (135) contracts were awarded to MBE's, from the procurement program of AACPS. \* **In an effort to expand its reach, and in an effort to serve the minority community, BCCAAC ask that those benefitting from its efforts become members and lend their voice to the mission of ensuring and improving economic opportunities for minorities here within Anne Arundel County Maryland.***

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