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# You Are Invited!



## State of Maryland 2016 Disparity Study Focus Groups

### \*\*Attention All Business Owners\*\*

**If you are doing business or attempting to  
do business in the State of Maryland,  
WE NEED YOUR INPUT!**

On behalf of the State of Maryland and the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), you are cordially invited to a FOCUS GROUP of business owners. This is your chance to share your experiences and insights into doing business or attempting to do business with the State of Maryland. YOUR VOICE MATTERS.

The FOCUS GROUP will include selected business owners who provide services in:

- **Construction & Maintenance**
- **Architecture/Engineering & Construction-related Professional Services**
- **Other Professional & General Services (including IT Services)**
- **Commodities, Supplies & Equipment (including IT Equipment)**

You will help identify potential revisions to the State's procurement programs. Your comments will be kept confidential, according to established legal and policy standards. No information attributable to you will be included in the final report.

The State of Maryland has engaged NERA Economic Consulting to conduct this independent third-party study.

### LOGIN & REGISTER TODAY!

Focus Group sessions will be held throughout the State at the locations shown below from March 22 - April 21, 2016. Since space is limited, it is important that you login and register at <https://interviews.nera.com>.

- **Western Maryland**
- **BWI Area**
- **Eastern Shore**
- **Central Maryland**
- **Southern Maryland**
- **Capital Area**

