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At its September 3, 1981 meeting, the Board of Public Works established the Procurement Advisory Council pursuant to a recommendation made to the Board by the Governor's Task Force on State Procurement Regulations and in accordance with the authority contained in Article 21, sec. 2-102, *Annotated Code of Maryland*. The Council is a temporary advisory body. It is charged with providing advice and recommendations to the Board concerning the State's procurement and contracting policies.

The Council consists of designees of Secretaries of the procurement departments and selected using agencies. Five standing subcommittees have been created by the Council to consider, among other assignments, rule/regulation changes, State training and vendor outreach programs, and revisions to mandatory contract terms and conditions. The subcommittee also will consider further delegation of contract authority, compliance monitoring, and examination of prior and present

practices, procedures, methods and processes for the acquisition of human, social, cultural and educational services.

STATE AIDED SOCIETIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

CIVIL AIR PATROL, MARYLAND WING, Fort George G. Meade, Maryland 20755; Colonel Dan Hill, *Wing Commander* The funds appropriated are to pay the State's contribution to the Maryland Wing, Civil Air Patrol, to be used for basic operating expenses. Appropriations: 1982—\$27,500; 1983—\$30,000.

MARYLAND STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, J. Francis Fatkin, *Secretary*, Route 1, Box 702, Frostburg 21532. The funds appropriated represent the State's contribution to pensions that may be paid to volunteer firemen or to their families in certain instances and to provide educational benefits to the children of deceased or disabled volunteer firemen (Code 1957, Art. 38A). Appropriations: 1982—\$55,000; 1983—\$815,000 (includes \$675,000 for the Emergency Assistance Trust Fund Program).

COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS, P. O. Box 11910, Iron Works Pike, Lexington, Kentucky 40511; Brevard Criehtfield, *Executive Director*. The appropriation represents Maryland's proportionate share of the Council's operating expense. The Council is an umbrella group of various organizations such as the National Conference of State Legislatures, the National Association of Attorneys General, and the National Conference of Lieutenant Governors, among others. The Council, founded in 1933, is a service organization that publishes a variety of books, pamphlets, and newsletters, conducts research ranging from spot inquiries to in-depth analysis of issues, and arranges meetings and seminars for the regional branches of its affiliate organizations. Appropriations: 1982—\$49,900; 1983—\$54,900.

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The office of Secretary of State was created by a Constitutional Amendment in 1837 to replace the Governor's Council. Appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate, the Secretary attests to the Governor's signature on all public papers and documents as may be required (Const. 1867, Art. II). The office is the repository for all executive orders and proclamations and is responsible for their