

trict, Anne Arundel County Sanitary Commission, or any county, the City of Baltimore, any other incorporated town or city, or any agency thereof.

8G. The Department of Public Improvements shall have supervision over and advise the Board of Public Works and other State departments and agencies in connection with all engineering questions and matters pertaining to any and all public improvements, and all contracts, plans and specifications for any and all public improvements involving any engineering question shall be submitted to said Department and be subject to its approval.

8H. In addition to the general duties and powers assigned to the Department of Public Improvements by Section 8G above, said Department shall:

(1) Assist and advise the Board of Public Works and other State departments and agencies on all matters of engineering, surveys, plans, specifications and contracts for public improvements that may come before said Board or in which such department or agency may be interested;

(2) Select and appoint architects and engineers to prepare plans and specifications for all public improvements, such appointments to be subject, however, to the approval of the Board of Public Works;

(3) Examine and approve all plans and specifications prepared in connection with the preparation and execution of all contracts for all public improvements;

(4) Represent the Board of Public Works at the opening of all bids for public improvements and tabulate, record and advise said Board on such bids;

(5) Supervise all appraisals in connection with public improvements;

(6) Inspect and approve materials, equipment, and methods used in making public improvements, and inspect public improvements during the course of construction or repair, such inspection and approval of materials, equipment and methods to be in addition to and not in lieu of the responsibility of the architect or engineer to supervise work for which employed;

(7) Review maintenance and operation of public improvements to the extent that any engineering questions are involved therein;