

regulations under which estimates of the needs of using authorities shall be submitted, and requisitions made, and under which contracts for purchases may be made.

The Bureau shall determine and formulate standards of all materials, supplies, merchandise and articles of every description to be purchased for the using authorities of the State.

It shall be the duty of the Bureau to contract for or purchase all materials, supplies, merchandise and articles of every description, except those which the Bureau may determine are of a strictly perishable character, or which the Bureau may determine it is impracticable for the using authorities to purchase through or with the approval of the Bureau, or which may be purchased by using authorities under the authority and with the approval of the Bureau.

Estimates of the amount and quality of materials, supplies, merchandise and all other articles needed by the using authorities shall be submitted at such periods as may be prescribed by the Bureau. When purchases are made through competitive bidding, the Bureau shall have power to require the successful bidder to furnish a bond to the State, with good and sufficient surety, conditioned that he will fully and faithfully perform the terms of the contract. The penalty of all such bonds shall be determined by the Bureau.

No contract or purchase made by the Central Purchasing Bureau or under its authority shall constitute such a contract, purchase or sale as to subject the party or parties thereto to the penalties provided by Section 483 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

SECTION 4. *And be it further enacted*, That Invoices of all materials, supplies, merchandise and articles of every description shall be furnished in triplicate by the contractor or seller at the time of delivery, two of which shall be transmitted to the using authority to which the articles are sent, and one, at the same time, to the Bureau. As soon as the articles have been received and approved by the using authority, and if he shall find them to correspond with the invoices transmitted him and the sample, if any, by which they were sold, he shall transmit to the Bureau one of said invoices with a certificate thereon of his approval. After the invoice has been approved by the Bureau, it shall be the authority for the Comptroller to pay the amount due on the invoice either to the using authority for transmittal to the contractor or seller, or to the