

*volving construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, improvement and repair of port facilities, including the dredging of ship channels and turning basins and the filling and grading of land, which contracts involve the expenditure of Five Thousand Dollars or more, shall be performed by private industry and contracts for the same shall be awarded on the basis of the lowest responsible bid received therefor in response to an invitation for bids published at least twice in two newspapers having general circulation in the State of Maryland, provided, however, that development work not susceptible to accurate bidding may be awarded by negotiation;*

*(t) to make application for establishing, maintaining and operating foreign trade zones within its territorial jurisdiction and to operate and maintain such foreign trade zones when established pursuant to the provisions of any laws or regulations of the United States for the establishment, operation and maintenance of foreign trade zones in ports of entry of the United States; and*

*(u) to do all acts and things necessary or convenient to carry out the powers expressly granted in this Article.*

6. (Acquisition of Property.) *(a) The Authority is hereby authorized and empowered to acquire by purchase, whenever it shall deem such purchase expedient, such lands, structures, property, rights, rights of way, franchises, easements and other interests in lands, including lands lying under water and riparian rights, as it may deem necessary or convenient for the construction or for the operation of any project, upon such terms and at such price as may be considered by it to be reasonable and can be agreed upon between the Authority and the owner thereof, and to take title thereto in the name of the Authority. In Baltimore City or in any county where planning and development regulations have legal status, the Authority shall comply with and be subject to such rules and regulations pertaining to planning and development to the same extent as private, commercial or industrial enterprise.*

*(b) All counties, cities, towns and other political subdivisions and all public agencies and commissions of the State, notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, are hereby authorized and empowered to lease, lend, grant or convey to the Authority at its request upon such terms and conditions as the proper authorities of such counties, cities, towns, political subdivisions, agencies or commissions of the State may deem reasonable and fair any real or personal property which may be necessary or convenient to the effectuation of the authorized purposes of the Authority, including property already devoted to public use.*

*(c) Whenever a reasonable price cannot be agreed upon, or whenever the owner is legally incapacitated or is absent, unknown or unable to convey valid title, the Authority is hereby authorized and empowered to acquire by condemnation or by the exercise of the power of eminent domain any lands, property, rights, rights of way, franchises, easements and other property, including public lands, parks, playgrounds, reservations, or parts thereof or rights therein, of any person, copartnership, association, railroad, public service, public utility or other corporation, municipality or political subdivision deemed by the Authority to be necessary for the construction or the efficient operation of any project. Any such proceedings shall*