

or materials, any expenditures for rent or lease of grounds or buildings or for any consideration, other than those hereinafter exempted, involving an expenditure of [five hundred dollars] *one thousand dollars* or more, by the county commissioners, or any other department or subdepartment now established or which shall be established in the future, or by any county officers embraced or not embraced in a department or special commissions or boards, or by any other authority operating under any sections of this Code, proposals for the same shall be first advertised in two newspapers published in the county having a general circulation therein, one of which, if possible, shall be of opposite political faith from the commissioners or a majority of them, once a week for two successive weeks, specifying therein the date by which proposals must be submitted, which date must be one on which the Commissioners regularly meet; and the contract for doing such work or furnishing such supplies or materials or systems, space, grounds, buildings, etc., shall be awarded by the commissioners as provided for in the following section and the mode and manner therein described; provided, however, that repairs, replacements and additions to so-called "Patented Products or Systems" may be exempted from the provisions of this section at the discretion of the commissioners.

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IN CONTRACTING FOR ANY PUBLIC WORK, THE PURCHASE OF ANY SUPPLIES OR MATERIALS, ANY EXPENDITURES FOR RENT OR LEASE OF GROUNDS OR BUILDINGS, OR FOR ANY CONSIDERATION, OTHER THAN THOSE HEREINAFTER EXEMPTED, INVOLVING AN EXPENDITURE OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS OR MORE, BY THE COUNTY SANITARY COMMISSION OR ANY OTHER DEPARTMENT OR SUBDEPARTMENT NOW ESTABLISHED OR WHICH SHALL BE ESTABLISHED IN THE FUTURE, OR BY ANY COUNTY OFFICERS EMBRACED OR NOT EMBRACED IN A DEPARTMENT OR SPECIAL COMMISSIONS OR BOARDS, OR BY ANY OTHER AUTHORITY OPERATING UNDER ANY SECTIONS OF THIS CODE, PROPOSALS FOR THE SAME SHALL BE FIRST ADVERTISED IN TWO NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED IN THE COUNTY HAVING A GENERAL CIRCULATION THEREIN, ONE OF WHICH, IF POSSIBLE, SHALL BE OF OPPOSITE POLITICAL FAITH FROM THE COMMISSIONERS OR A MAJORITY OF THEM, ONCE A WEEK FOR TWO SUCCESSIVE WEEKS, SPECIFYING THEREIN THE DATE BY WHICH PROPOSALS MUST BE SUBMITTED, WHICH DATE MUST BE ONE ON WHICH THE COMMISSIONERS REGULARLY MEET; AND, THE CONTRACT FOR DOING SUCH WORK OR FURNISHING SUCH SUPPLIES OR MATERIALS OR SYSTEMS, SPACE, GROUNDS, BUILDINGS, ETC., SHALL BE AWARDED BY THE COMMISSIONERS AS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 9-61 OF THIS CODE AND IN THE MODE AND MANNER THEREIN DESCRIBED. PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO WATER SYSTEMS, WATER TANKS, SEWERAGE SYSTEMS, OR ITS PROPERTY AND REPAIRS, REPLACEMENTS AND ADDITIONS TO SO-CALLED "PATENTED PRODUCTS OR SYSTEMS" MAY BE EXEMPTED FROM THE PREVIOUS PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION AT THE DISCRETION OF THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY SANITARY COMMISSION BY (1) RECEIPT OF LET-