

lowest responsible bidder when sealed bids, notice and publication are not required by this section.

(b) Waiver of requirement for competitive bids. The Authority may waive the provisions of this section requiring competitive bids whenever:

(1) the purchase is to be made from or the contract is to be made with the Federal or any State government or any agency or political subdivision thereof or pursuant to any open end bulk purchase contract of any of them;

(2) the public exigency requires the immediate delivery of the articles;

(3) only one source of supply is available; or

~~(4) the equipment to be purchased is of a technical nature and the procurement thereof without advertising is necessary in order to assure standardization of equipment and interchangeability of parts in the public interest.~~

(c) Professional and personal services. Nothing in this section shall apply to contracts for professional services or the personal services of employees.

~~47.~~ 46. Condemnation.

(a) Generally. The Authority may acquire by condemnation any property having a legal situs in the District, and any right, title, interest, easement or privilege therein, for or in connection with any matter or thing which is contemplated to come under or within the jurisdiction, power or authority of the Authority. In addition, the Authority may acquire by condemnation all or any part of the assets and property, real and personal, including, but not limited to, rolling stock, shops, garages and terminals, and any other property or facilities of a private carrier used or useful in the operation of transit service in the District. Any such condemnation proceedings shall be instituted and maintained in the name of the Authority and shall otherwise be governed by the provisions of Article 33A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume, as amended).

~~48.~~ 47. Compliance with laws, regulations and ordinances; rights-of-way.

(a) Compliance required. The Authority shall comply with all laws, ordinances and regulations of Baltimore City, Anne Arundel County and Baltimore County with respect to use of streets, highways and all other vehicular facilities, traffic control and regulation, zoning, signs and buildings.

(b) Location of transit facilities. The Authority may not locate, construct and maintain any of its transit and related facilities in, upon, over, under or across any streets, highways, freeways, bridges and any other vehicular facilities and parkways or park lands without the consent of, and except upon the terms and conditions required by, the affected government or agency thereof.

~~49.~~ 48. Tax exemption.

It is hereby declared that the creation of the Authority and the carrying out of the corporate purposes of the Authority is in all