

remaining in that system or transferring to the State system, upon terms and conditions mutually acceptable to the Authority and said Systems. THE EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION FOR SUCH PENSION COVERAGE SHALL BE PAID BY THE AUTHORITY TO THE APPROPRIATE SYSTEM. HOWEVER, ANY FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE FIRST EMPLOYED AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF AS A MEMBER OF THE AIRPORT FIRE FIGHTING FORCE OR THE AIRPORT POLICE FORCE SHALL BECOME MEMBERS OF THE BALTIMORE CITY FIRE AND POLICE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND THE AUTHORITY SHALL REIMBURSE THE CITY FOR THE EMPLOYER'S COST OF SUCH PENSION COVERAGE.

(p) *Promotion of air carrier service.*—To do all things necessary and proper to promote and increase air carrier service within its territorial jurisdiction, including the purchase of advertising, engaging upon public relation programs, publication of literature, solicitation of business, and cooperation with governmental, civic, technical, professional and business organizations and associations.

(q) *Contracts and purchasing.*—To make and enter into all contracts and agreements necessary or incidental to the performance of its duties and execution of its powers under this article [;]. [but all projects involving construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, improvement, and repair of airport facilities, which contracts involve the expenditure of five thousand dollars or more, shall be performed by private industry, and contracts for these expenditures 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. Development work not susceptible to accurate bidding may be awarded by negotiation. When supplies, materials, equipment, or services are of such a nature that no advantage will result in seeking or it is not practicable to obtain competitive bids, or if the need for such supplies, materials, equipment, or services is of an emergency nature, the Authority may dispense with the requirements of this subsection.] *Contracts for the construction, reconstruction or improvement of any airport facility when the expenditure required exceeds ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) and contracts for the purchase of supplies, equipment and materials when the expenditure required exceeds five thousand dollars (\$5,000) shall be advertised and let upon sealed bids to the lowest responsible bidder. Notice requesting such bids shall be published in a manner reasonably likely to attract prospective bidders, which publication shall be made at least ten days before bids are received and in at least two newspapers of general circulation in the State. The Authority may reject any and all bids and readvertise in its discretion. If after rejecting bids the Authority determines and resolves that, in its opinion, the supplies, equipment and materials may be purchased at a lower price in the open market, the Authority may give each responsible bidder an opportunity to negotiate a price and may proceed to purchase the supplies, equipment and materials in the open market at a negotiated price which is lower than the lowest rejected bid of a responsible bidder, without further observance of the provisions requiring bids or notice. The Authority shall adopt rules and regulations to provide for purchasing from the lowest responsible bidder when sealed bids, notice and publication are not required by this section. The Authority may waive the provisions of this sec-*