

1969 Legislative Session, Legislative Day No. 20

Council Bill No. 24

An Act to establish, effectuate, and implement the purchasing policies provided by Article VIII of the Howard County Charter; to promote uniformity in purchasing; and to effect maximum savings for all purchases out of County funds; TO PROVIDE FOR COMPETITIVE BIDDING; TO PROVIDE FOR DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS, OBSOLETE, AND WASTE SUPPLIES; TO PROVIDE FOR BIDDER'S LISTS AND IRRESPONSIBLE BIDDER'S LISTS; AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THIS ACT.

Section 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND, That Sections 4.100 through 4.118, inclusive, be and they are hereby added to Title 4 of the Howard County Code, "Contracts and Purchasing," subtitle "Purchasing," to read as follows:

4.100—General

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Purchasing Act of Howard County."

4.101—Purpose

The purpose of this Act is to implement and make effective the purchasing policies provided by Article VIII of the Howard County Charter, to promote uniformity in purchasing, and to effect maximum savings for all purchases out of County funds. This Act shall be applicable to all purchases and contracts for supplies, materials, equipment and contractual services for any County department or agency, except as otherwise provided by Public General or Public Local Law.

4.102—Definitions

For the purpose of this Act, the following terms, phrases, words, and their derivations shall have the meanings given herein.

County or County Government—means the Government of Howard County, Maryland.

Responsible Bid—means an offer, submitted by a responsible bidder in ink or typewritten form, to furnish supplies, materials, equipment or contractual services in conformity with the specifications, delivery terms and conditions, and other requirements included in the invitation for bids.

Responsible Bidder—means a bidder who submits a responsible bid: who has furnished, when requested, information and data to prove that his financial resources, service reputation and experience are adequate to make satisfactory delivery of the supplies, materials, equipment or contractual service on which he bids; and who has not violated, or attempted to violate any provisions of this Act or of the Howard County Charter.

Irresponsible Bidder—means a bidder or prospective bidder who fails to furnish, upon written request, proof of his responsibility; who has, as a vendor or contractor with the County, repeatedly made slow or unsatisfactory delivery; or who has violated, or attempted to violate the provisions of this Act or the Howard County Charter.

Bidders List—means a current file of sources of supply or articles for each category of commodities repetitively purchased for County use.