

State Procurement of Architectural and
Engineering Services

FOR the purpose of establishing [[a]] professional services evaluation [[board]] boards; specifying certain duties of the [[board]] boards with respect to the evaluation of the need to procure architectural and engineering services for the State in excess of a certain amount and selecting the architect or engineer to provide these services; specifying certain criteria of selection; imposing certain conditions on architects and engineers from whom services are procured in excess of a certain amount; prohibiting certain acts and providing penalties for violation; authorizing the boards to provide advisory services with respect to procurement of architectural and engineering services by units of local government; and generally relating to the procurement of architectural and engineering services by the State.

BY adding to

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and
Administrative Departments
Section [[231N]] 231-N through [[231X]] [[231Z]]
231-W, to be under the new subtitle "22A
Procurement of Architectural and Engineering
Services"

Annotated Code of Maryland
(1971 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of Maryland finds and declares that:

The awarding of contracts, consultant agreements and other obligations for procuring architectural and engineering services to be utilized by the State creates a potential source of favoritism and other abuses. These abuses work an injustice and prejudice the opportunity of competent architects and engineers to perform services for the State. In addition, they also result in excessive expense to the State and are the cause of procuring services of lesser adequacy than could otherwise be obtained. Therefore, the General Assembly should provide a method of granting these contracts to assure their equitable award at the best available price to the most competent architect or engineers; now, therefore