

(A) PRESENTMENT OF REQUEST TO BOARD.

A USING AUTHORITY THAT DESIRES TO PROCURE ARCHITECTURAL OR ENGINEERING SERVICES COSTING OVER \$25,000 SHALL PRESENT THE REQUEST TO THE BOARD AT A PUBLIC MEETING.

(B) PUBLIC NOTICE.

REASONABLE AND TIMELY PUBLIC NOTICE SHALL BE GIVEN OF ANY REQUEST PRESENTED TO THE BOARD.

(C) LACK OF IN-HOUSE RESOURCES AS PREREQUISITE.

BEFORE THE BOARD APPROVES ANY REQUEST FOR ARCHITECTURAL OR ENGINEERING SERVICES, IT SHALL BE SATISFIED THAT THE SERVICES CANNOT BE PROVIDED FEASIBLY OR ECONOMICALLY BY EXISTING IN-HOUSE RESOURCES.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from Art. 41, §231P(a) (1), (b), and (c).

In subsection (a) of this section, the present exception for the Department of Transportation and its units is deleted as unnecessary in light of the definition of "using authority" in §231N of this subtitle.

The Commission is unsure of the meaning of the phrase "existing in-house resources". Does "in-house" refer to the specific using authority that initiates the request, to the principal Department of which that using authority is a unit, or to the State government generally? Clarifying legislation may be appropriate.

As to notices required by this section, see, also, Order No. 6 of the Joint Standing Committee on Administrative, Executive and Legislative Review, September 26, 1975, which requires publication in the Maryland Register of these notices. (Vol. 2, Maryland Register, page 1364.)

231U. ANNOUNCEMENT OF APPROVAL OF REQUEST; FURNISHING OF REPORT.

(A) PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF APPROVAL.

(1) THE BOARD SHALL REQUIRE UNIFORM AND CONSISTENT PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ALL ITS APPROVALS OF REQUESTS FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF ARCHITECTURAL OR ENGINEERING SERVICES.

(2) IN ADDITION, AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE