

(B) (1) "CONTRACT" MEANS ALL TYPES OF AGREEMENTS AND ORDERS FOR THE PROCUREMENT OR DISPOSAL OF SUPPLIES, SERVICES, CONSTRUCTION, OR ANY OTHER ITEM.

(2) "CONTRACT" INCLUDES AWARDS AND NOTICES OF AWARD; CONTRACTS OF A FIXED PRICE, COST, COST-PLUS-A-FIXED-FEE, OR INCENTIVE TYPES; CONTRACTS PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF JOB ORDERS, TASK ORDERS, OR TASK LETTERS THEREUNDER; LETTER CONTRACTS, AND PURCHASE ORDERS.

(3) "CONTRACT" ALSO INCLUDES SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENTS WITH RESPECT TO ANY OF THE FOREGOING.

(C) "PERSON" MEANS A NATURAL PERSON, CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP, OR OTHER BUSINESS UNIT OR ASSOCIATION.

(D) "PUBLIC AGENCY" MEANS:

(1) THE STATE OF MARYLAND, ITS DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND INSTITUTIONS; AND

(2) COUNTY, CITY, SCHOOL OR CONSERVATION DISTRICTS, OR OTHER GOVERNMENTAL UNITS OR DISTRICTS THAT LET PUBLIC BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OR OTHER PUBLIC WORKS UNDER MARYLAND LAW.

(E) "STEEL PRODUCTS" MEANS PRODUCTS ROLLED, FORMED, SHAPED, DRAWN, EXTRUDED, FORGED, CAST, FABRICATED, OR OTHERWISE SIMILARLY PROCESSED, OR PROCESSED BY A COMBINATION OF TWO OR MORE OF SUCH OPERATIONS, FROM STEEL MADE IN THE UNITED STATES BY THE OPEN HEARTH, BASIC OXYGEN, ELECTRIC FURNACE, BESSEMER, OR OTHER STEEL MAKING PROCESS.

(F) "UNITED STATES" MEANS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND INCLUDES ALL TERRITORY, CONTINENTAL OR INSULAR, SUBJECT TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

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(A) EACH PUBLIC AGENCY SHALL REQUIRE THAT EVERY CONTRACT ADVERTISED FOR BID FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION, REPAIR, IMPROVEMENT, OR MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC WORKS SHALL REQUIRE USE OR SUPPLY OF STEEL PRODUCTS ONLY AS DEFINED BY THIS SUBTITLE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THE CONTRACT OR ANY OF THE SUBCONTRACTS, UNLESS THE HEAD OF THE PUBLIC AGENCY DETERMINES IN WRITING THAT THE COST OF STEEL PRODUCTS IS UNREASONABLE OR INCONSISTENT WITH THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

(E) THE HEAD OF EACH PUBLIC AGENCY SHALL ISSUE RULES WHICH PROVIDE THAT, FOR PURPOSES OF SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE BID OR OFFERED PRICE OF ANY STEEL PRODUCTS OF DOMESTIC ORIGIN IS NOT UNREASONABLE IF IT DOES NOT EXCEED THE SUM OF:

(1) THE BID OR OFFERED PRICE OF LIKE STEEL