

(1) (1) NOTICES OF REQUESTS FOR BIDS ON STATE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE NEW CONSTRUCTION, ALTERATIONS, RENOVATIONS, AND ADDITIONS, FOR WHICH THE BID AMOUNT IS REASONABLY EXPECTED TO BE OVER \$25,000 AND NOTICES OF THE SUBSEQUENT AWARDS OF THOSE PROJECTS SHALL BE PUBLISHED IN THE REGISTER.

(2) A NOTICE OF REQUESTS FOR BIDS REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) SHALL BE PUBLISHED AT LEAST 30 DAYS BEFORE THE BID OPENING DATE. PUBLICATION OF THE NOTICE LESS THAN 30 DAYS BEFORE THE BID OPENING DATE SHALL BE DEFECTIVE NOTICE, UNLESS THE PROJECT IS EXEMPT FROM COMPETITIVE BIDDING BY STATE LAW OR REGULATION. IF A BID OPENING DATE IS EXTENDED, AN ADDITIONAL NOTICE IS NOT REQUIRED IF THE ORIGINAL NOTICE WAS PUBLISHED AT LEAST 30 DAYS BEFORE THE ORIGINAL BID OPENING DATE.

(3) NOTICES OF AWARDS OF PROJECTS EXEMPT FROM THE BID NOTICE PUBLICATION REQUIREMENT OF PARAGRAPH (2) SHALL BE PUBLISHED IN THE REGISTER.

(4) IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY THE HEAD OF THE CONTRACTING AGENCY MAY WAIVE THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION. THE NECESSITY FOR THE WAIVER SHALL BE DOCUMENTED AND PUBLISHED IN THE MARYLAND REGISTER.

~~(2) -- NOTICES OF OTHER STATE CONTRACTS -- MAY -- BE PUBLISHED IN THE REGISTER AT THE OPTION OF THE ADMINISTRATOR WHEN REQUESTED BY THE CONTRACTING AGENCY AND WHEN:~~

~~(i) -- COMPETITIVE BIDS ARE REQUIRED BY LAW AND~~

~~(ii) -- THE ESTIMATED VALUE IS REASONABLY EXPECTED TO EXCEED \$25,000.~~

~~(3) -- NOTICE OF A STATE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) -- SHALL -- BE PUBLISHED IN THE REGISTER NOT LESS THAN 30 DAYS BEFORE THE AWARDED OF THE PROJECT. -- FAILURE TO ALLOW AT LEAST 30 DAYS SHALL BE DEFECTIVE NOTICE.~~

(4) (5) NOTICES OF REQUESTS FOR BIDS ON OTHER STATE CONTRACTS AND THEIR SUBSEQUENT AWARDS MAY BE PUBLISHED IN THE REGISTER AT THE OPTION OF THE ADMINISTRATOR WHEN REQUESTED BY THE CONTRACTING AGENCY, AND WHEN:

(I) THE ESTIMATED VALUE IS REASONABLY EXPECTED TO EXCEED \$25,000; OR

(II) PUBLICATION IS CONSIDERED IN THE STATE'S INTEREST BY THE CONTRACTING AGENCY AND THE ADMINISTRATOR.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1979.