

(7) Providing to a small business the reason for which any bid by the small business for a small business set-aside was rejected.

The Secretary shall be provided assistance from the Department of Economic and Community Development in specifying procedures for paragraphs (c) (1) and (2).

(d) The Secretary may designate purchase requests for specified materials, supplies, equipment, or services, which have been requested through or with the approval of the Secretary, as small business set-asides. The invitation to bid shall indicate purchases that have been designated small business set-asides.

(e) Each small business set-aside purchase shall be made through bidding procedures established by the Secretary. Invitations to bid shall be sent to small businesses in addition to regular bidders to establish a reasonable price range commensurate with current market conditions. Subject to subsection (f) of this section, the purchase, contract, or expenditure of funds shall be awarded in accordance with the rules and regulations for purchasing adopted by the Secretary.

(f) The Secretary shall accept the lowest responsive and responsible bid from a small business for a small business set-aside, if the bid does not exceed by 5 percent the bid received from the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for the small business set-aside.

(g) The Secretary shall report twice a year to the Committee on Administrative, Executive and Legislative Review about the operation and effectiveness of the small business set-aside program.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1980.

Approved May 6, 1980.

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CHAPTER 337

(Senate Bill 748)

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages - Penalties

FOR the purpose of permitting the Board of License Commissioners of Baltimore City to ~~either suspend the license of or impose fines on the alcoholic beverage licensee for violations of the provisions of the~~

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