

(c) Contracts for development work that is not susceptible to accurate bidding may be awarded by negotiation.

(d) (1) For all project contracts costing \$500,000 or more the Administration is considered a "public body" under Article 100, § 96 (d) of the Code, whether or not the projects are publicly funded and regardless of the source of the funding.

(2) Whenever it is considered a "public body," the Administration shall comply with all the requirements for public bodies set forth in Article 100, Subtitle "Contracts for Public Works."]

7-208.

(a) Subject to the authority of the Secretary and, where applicable, the Maryland Transportation Authority, the Administration has [exclusive] jurisdiction:

(1) [For] CONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 21, FOR planning, developing, constructing, acquiring, financing, and operating the transit facilities authorized by this title; and

(2) Over the services performed by and the rentals, rates, fees, fares, and other charges imposed for the services performed by transit facilities owned or controlled by the Administration.

7-403.

[(a) This section does not apply to contracts for professional services or the services of employees.

(b) (1) The Administration shall advertise and award on sealed bids to the lowest responsible bidder:

(i) Each contract costing over \$10,000 for the construction, reconstruction, or improvement of any transit facility; and

(ii) Each contract costing over \$5,000 for the purchase of supplies, equipment, and materials.

(2) For these contracts, a notice requesting bids shall be published:

(i) In a manner reasonably likely to attract prospective bidders;

(ii) At least 10 days before the bids are to be received; and

(iii) In at least two newspapers of general circulation in the District.