

Article 21 - Procurement

3-101.

(a) In this title, the following words have the meanings indicated[:].

3-204.

(b) If there is more than one bidder, negotiations shall be conducted with all responsive and responsible bidders. These negotiations shall be conducted under the following restrictions:

(1) If negotiations about changing the specifications or quantities are held with any bidder, all other bidders shall be allowed to take part in the negotiation;

(2) An invitation for revised bids based on revised specifications or quantities shall be issued as promptly as possible, shall provide for a prompt response to the revised requirements, and an award shall be made upon the basis of the lowest bid price or lowest evaluated bid price submitted by any responsive and responsible bidder. Negotiations may not be conducted with bidders after revised bids have been submitted unless the procurement officer determines that there is a compelling reason. If the award is to be made without competitive negotiations, the invitation for revised [bid] BIDS shall so state.

8-515.

Section [106] 8-513 of this subtitle creating the Advisory Council on Prevailing Wage Rates and relating to wage rate laws is of no effect and may not be enforced after July 1, 1984.

8-601.

(a) (1) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated[:].

[(1)] (2) "Department" means [the University of Maryland,] the Departments of General Services, and Transportation, the University of Maryland, the Maryland Food Authority, and the Interagency Committee on Public School Construction.

[(2)] (3) "Minority business enterprise" means any legal entity, other than a joint venture, organized to engage in commercial transactions which is at least 51 percent owned and controlled by one or more minority persons, or a nonprofit entity organized to promote the interests of the physically or mentally disabled.