

WHEREAS, The present cost threshold of \$25,000 over which the General Professional Services Selection Board shall have jurisdiction was established in 1974; and

WHEREAS, The rate of inflation since 1974 has risen by 85 percent; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 411 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1981 raised for the Department of Transportation its cost threshold of \$25,000 to \$50,000 over which the Transportation Professional Services Selection Board shall have jurisdiction; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland read(s) as follows:

Article 21 - Procurement

9-207.

(a) A using authority that desires to procure architectural or engineering services costing over [\$25,000] \$50,000 shall present the request to the General Selection Board at a public meeting.

9-209.

(a) (1) The recommendation of the General Selection Board for the procurement and award of each contract for architectural and engineering services costing over [\$25,000] \$50,000 shall:

(i) Be made on a competitive basis; and

(ii) Include an evaluation of technical and price proposals from two or more persons.

(2) Neither the technical proposal nor the price proposal may be the sole criterion in making a recommendation on a competitive basis.

9-211.

(a) A person may not be awarded under this subtitle any contract costing over [\$25,000] \$50,000 unless the person has executed a truth-in-negotiation certificate stating that wage rates and other factual unit costs supporting the compensation are accurate, complete, and current as of the time of contracting.

9-215.

(a) (1) The rates of architects and engineers performing services for a using authority are subject to post audit.