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IT IS THE INTENT OF THE STATE TO AVOID BECOMING A PASSIVE PARTICIPANT IN PRIVATE SECTOR COMMERCIAL DISCRIMINATION BY REFUSING TO PROCURE GOODS AND SERVICES FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES THAT DISCRIMINATE IN THE SOLICITATION, SELECTION, HIRING, OR COMMERCIAL TREATMENT OF VENDORS, SUPPLIERS, SUBCONTRACTORS, OR COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS ON THE BASIS OF ~~SEX, RACE, AGE, COLOR, CREED, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN, RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, ANCESTRY OR NATIONAL ORIGIN, SEX, AGE, MARITAL STATUS, SEXUAL ORIENTATION,~~ OR ON THE BASIS OF DISABILITY OR OTHER UNLAWFUL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION BY PROVIDING A PROCEDURE FOR RECEIVING, INVESTIGATING, AND RESOLVING COMPLAINTS OF DISCRIMINATION FILED AGAINST BUSINESS ENTITIES THAT:

- (1) HAVE SUBMITTED A BID OR PROPOSAL; OR
- (2) HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO ENGAGE IN, OR ARE ENGAGED IN PROVIDING GOODS OR SERVICES TO THE STATE.

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(A) IN THIS TITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE" MEANS THE INDIVIDUAL ASSIGNED BY THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS TO CONDUCT A HEARING UNDER THIS TITLE.

~~(C) "ATTORNEY GENERAL" MEANS THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF MARYLAND, OR A DESIGNEE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.~~

~~(D)~~ (C) (1) "BUSINESS ENTITY" MEANS ANY PERSON, FIRM, SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP, PARTNERSHIP, CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, OR OTHER BUSINESS ENTITY OR A COMBINATION OF ANY OF THESE ENTITIES, INCLUDING ANY FINANCIAL INSTITUTION, DEVELOPER, CONSULTANT, PRIME CONTRACTOR, SUBCONTRACTOR, SUPPLIER, OR VENDOR, THAT HAS SUBMITTED A BID OR PROPOSAL FOR, HAS BEEN SELECTED TO ENGAGE IN, OR IS ENGAGED IN PROVIDING GOODS OR SERVICES TO THE STATE.

~~(2) "BUSINESS ENTITY" INCLUDES:~~

~~(I) SELLING OR LEASING SUPPLIES OR GOODS, OR PROVIDING CONSTRUCTION, REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT, FINANCIAL, INSURANCE, PROFESSIONAL, OR OTHER SERVICES, IN RETURN FOR A FEE OR ANY OTHER FORM OF COMPENSATION PAID OR PROVIDED BY THE STATE; AND~~

~~(II) ANY SUBCONTRACTOR OF THE BUSINESS ENTITY.~~

~~(3) "BUSINESS ENTITY" DOES NOT INCLUDE ANOTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY.~~

(2) "BUSINESS ENTITY" DOES NOT INCLUDE ANOTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY THAT IS SUBJECT TO TITLE VI OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964.