[(3)] (4) [other] ANOTHER FORM OF security:

(I) ~~ALLOWED BY REGULATION~~ AUTHORIZED BY FEDERAL OR STATE REGULATION; OR

(II) that is satisfactory to the public body awarding the contract.

(b) (1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, performance security may include the granting of a mortgage or deed of trust on real property located within the State if such security is satisfactory to the public body awarding the contract.

(2) The face amount of a mortgage or deed of trust on real property granted as security under this subsection may not exceed 75% of the contractor's equity interest in the property.

(3) A mortgage or deed of trust accepted under this subsection shall be recorded by an official designated by the public body accepting the mortgage or deed of trust in the land records of the county where the real property is situated in accordance with § 3–103 of the Real Property Article.

(C) A BOND EXECUTED BY AN INDIVIDUAL SURETY SHALL BE ACCEPTABLE AS PAYMENT SECURITY OR PERFORMANCE SECURITY UNDER THIS SUBTITLE IF:

~~(1) THE INDIVIDUAL SURETY PROVIDES A SECURITY INTEREST IN ONE OR MORE OF THE ASSETS LISTED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION TO THE PROCUREMENT OFFICER AT THE TIME THE BOND IS FURNISHED; AND~~

(1) THE CONTRACTOR HAS BEEN DENIED CORPORATE SURETY CREDIT;

(2) THE INDIVIDUAL SURETY ONLY TRANSACTS BUSINESS THROUGH AN INSURANCE AGENCY LICENSED BY THE MARYLAND INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION;

(3) THE INDIVIDUAL SURETY ATTACHES THE GSA STANDARD FORM 28, AFFIDAVIT OF INDIVIDUAL SURETY, TO THE BID SECURITY;

(4) THE INDIVIDUAL SURETY PROVIDES A UCC–1 FILING SECURITY INTEREST TO THE PUBLIC BODY FOR ONE OR MORE OF THE ASSETS LISTED IN ITEM (5)(I) THROUGH (IV) AND (VI) OF THIS SUBSECTION AT THE TIME THE BOND IS FURNISHED; AND

~~(2)~~ (5) THE INDIVIDUAL SURETY PLEDGES ONE OR MORE ~~OF THE FOLLOWING~~ ASSETS IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN THE AGGREGATE PENAL AMOUNTS OF THE BONDS REQUIRED BY THE SOLICITATION, INCLUDING:

(I) CASH OR CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT;

(II) CASH EQUIVALENTS HELD WITH A FEDERALLY INSURED FINANCIAL INSTITUTION, ~~INCLUDING CASH EQUIVALENTS EVIDENCED BY IRREVOCABLE TRUST RECEIPTS ISSUED BY THE INSTITUTION OR BY AN INDEPENDENT TRUSTEE~~ OR ASSETS THAT ARE EVIDENCED BY A SECURITY