

The Public Local Laws of Washington County

Section 1-106

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BY adding to

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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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1-106.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, the County Commissioners or any employee of the county may not enter into any contract of sale or purchase or any contract for any county work, project, or other expenditure to which the county is a party where the amount involved in the contract exceeds \$25,000 without advertising for bids at least 1 week before the bid by publication in at least one newspaper that is published in the county or through electronic media.

(b) (1) A contract of sale shall be awarded to the highest responsible bidder.

(2) A contract of purchase or other expenditure shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder who submits a responsive bid.

(3) If a bidder has not paid all taxes owed to the county or a municipal corporation in the county, the County Commissioners may reject the bidder's bid.

(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, the County Commissioners may reject any bid.

(5) (I) AFTER COMPETITIVE SEALED BIDS HAVE BEEN OPENED, A PROCUREMENT OFFICER MAY AWARD A PROCUREMENT CONTRACT ON THE BASIS OF REVISED BIDS IF:

1. ALL BIDS ARE REJECTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION;

2. ALL BID PRICES EXCEED THE FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR THE PROCUREMENT; OR

3. WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE HEAD OF THE UNIT OR A DESIGNEE, THE PROCUREMENT OFFICER DETERMINES THAT ALL BIDS ARE UNREASONABLE AS TO AT LEAST ONE REQUIREMENT AND THE DELAY THAT WOULD RESULT FROM ISSUING A NEW INVITATION FOR BIDS WITH REVISED