

(6) PROCUREMENTS BY THE MARYLAND STATE PLANNING COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES FOR SERVICES TO SUPPORT DEMONSTRATION, PILOT, AND TRAINING PROGRAMS; AND

(7) PROCUREMENTS BY THE MARYLAND STATE ARTS COUNCIL FOR THE PROMOTION OR SUPPORT OF THE ARTS.

(D) A PROCUREMENT AGENCY SHALL GIVE NOTICE IN THE MARYLAND REGISTER OF EACH CONTRACT, CONTRACT EXTENSION OR CONTRACT RENEWAL COSTING MORE THAN \$25,000 IT ENTERS INTO WITH AN ENTITY LISTED IN SUBSECTION (B)(1) BY WHICH IT PROCURES HUMAN, SOCIAL, OR EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR THIRD PARTY CLIENTS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 3-207(B) 3-207(A) OF THIS ARTICLE COSTING MORE THAN \$25,000.

3-201.

~~(a) -- Except as provided in subsection (b) and in Title 9 a procurement agency shall award every contract by one of the following methods:~~

~~(1) -- Competitive sealed bidding, under § 3-202;~~

~~(2) -- Competitive sealed proposals, under § 3-203;~~

~~(3) -- Sole source procurement, under § 3-204;~~

~~(4) -- Emergency or expedited procurement, under § 3-205; [or]~~

~~(5) -- Small procurement, under § 3-206; OR~~

~~(6) NONCOMPETITIVE SOURCE SERVICES NONCOMPETITIVE NEGOTIATED PROCUREMENT, UNDER § 3-207.~~

(a) Except as provided in Title 9 or as otherwise authorized by law, all State contracts shall be awarded by:

(1) Competitive sealed bidding, under § 3-202;

(2) Competitive negotiation, under § 3-203;

(3) Revised bids after competitive sealed bidding where all bids are rejected, under § 3-204;

(4) Noncompetitive negotiation, under § 3-205; [or]

(5) Small procurement procedure, under § 3-206; OR

(6) NONCOMPETITIVE NEGOTIATED PROCUREMENT, UNDER § 3-207.

(b) (1) [In] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, IN selecting one of the methods authorized by subsection (a) for the awarding of contracts, it is the public policy of this State that competitive sealed bidding shall be the preferred method for awarding contracts.