

(2) IN AWARDING CONTRACTS FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF HUMAN, SOCIAL, CULTURAL, OR EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, THE PREFERRED METHOD OF AWARD IS BY COMPETITIVE NEGOTIATION.

3-205.

(C) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE, A PROCUREMENT AGENCY MAY, WITH THE PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE AGENCY HEAD AND THE BOARD, MAKE A PROCUREMENT ON AN EXPEDITED BASIS IF THE PROCUREMENT AGENCY HEAD AND THE BOARD FIND THAT URGENT CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE PROMPT ACTION, THAT AN EXPEDITED PROCUREMENT BEST SERVES THE PUBLIC INTEREST, AND THAT THE NEED FOR THE EXPEDITED PROCUREMENT OUTWEIGHS THE BENEFITS OF MAKING THE PROCUREMENT UNDER § 3-202 OR § 3-203 OF THIS ARTICLE. THE PROCUREMENT OFFICER SHALL ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN AS MUCH COMPETITION AS IS POSSIBLE AND PRACTICABLE.

(D) THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE PUBLISHED IN THE MARYLAND REGISTER.

3-207.

~~(A) NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 3-201 (B), COMPETITIVE SEALED BIDDING IS NOT THE PREFERRED METHOD FOR PROCUREMENT OF HUMAN, SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES. IN THOSE INSTANCES DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION 3-207 (B) THE NONCOMPETITIVE NEGOTIATED PROCUREMENT METHOD MAY BE USED.~~

~~(A) (B) (A) A PROCUREMENT OFFICER MAKING A PROCURING HUMAN, EDUCATIONAL, OR SOCIAL SERVICES PROCUREMENT THAT IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE PROVISION OF SERVICES FOR PERSONS THAT TO BE PROVIDED DIRECTLY TO INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE AGED, INDIGENT, DISADVANTAGED, UNEMPLOYED, MENTALLY OR PHYSICALLY ILL, HANDICAPPED, DISPLACED, OR MINORS MAY USE THE METHOD SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION IF:~~

~~(1) THE PROCUREMENT OFFICER DETERMINES, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE AGENCY HEAD, THAT THERE ARE 2 OR MORE AVAILABLE SOURCES FOR THE SERVICES REQUIRED BUT, BECAUSE OF THE ABSENCE OF EFFECTIVE COMPETITION, IT IS UNREASONABLE TO EXPECT THOSE SOURCES TO RESPOND TO A SOLICITATION UNDER § 3-202 (COMPETITIVE SEALED BIDDING) OR § 3-203 (COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSALS NEGOTIATION); AND~~

~~(2) THE PROCUREMENT IS ONE OF A CLASS FOR WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FISCAL PLANNING HAS APPROVED THE USE OF THE METHOD DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION.~~

~~(B) (E) (B) (1) (I) THE PROCUREMENT AGENCY SHALL GIVE PUBLIC NOTICE OF ITS GENERAL REQUIREMENT FOR SERVICES AND SHALL REQUEST THAT INTERESTED SERVICE PROVIDERS RESPOND WITH GENERAL EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST.~~