

contracts for architectural and engineering services costing more than \$5,000, shall be awarded on a competitive basis which shall consist of either sealed competitive bids or competitive negotiation as defined in Article 21, § 3-101(b).

(5) The provisions of this subsection do not apply in Calvert County. In Calvert County, competitive bidding shall be required for contracts in excess of the amount specified in the Code of Public Local Laws of Calvert County.

37.

(A) (1) [All] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTIONS (B) AND (C) OF THIS SECTION, ALL bridges shall be built or repaired by contract[; and the].

(2) THE county commissioners shall advertise in [one] 1 or more newspapers; and if there [be] IS no newspaper published in the county or counties, then by such public notice as they [may] deem most advisable, setting forth [the]:

(I) THE place where [said] THE bridge is to be built or repaired, with full specifications of the plan and materials[, and that]; AND

(II) THAT sealed proposals for building or repairing [said] THE bridge will be received until a day named in the advertisement[; provided, however, that nothing herein shall].

(B) (1) SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION DOES NOT apply to [the] ANY building OR REPAIR of bridges[, the cost of] which [shall not exceed two hundred dollars, nor to repairs of existing bridges where the cost of said repairs shall not exceed that sum;] COSTS \$200 OR LESS.

(2) [and in all cases] IN ANY CASE where [such] THE cost of building or repairing A BRIDGE [shall not exceed said sum of two hundred dollars] IS \$200 OR LESS, the manner of providing for [said] THE work, and whether the [same] WORK shall be done by contract or otherwise, and if by contract, the manner of letting the [same] CONTRACT shall be in the discretion of THE county commissioners.

(C) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO CECIL COUNTY.

37A.

(A) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, IN CECIL COUNTY THE FOLLOWING PURCHASES OF GOODS AND SERVICES SHALL BE BY COMPETITIVELY BID CONTRACT AWARDED TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER:

(I) ANY CONSTRUCTION OR REPAIR OF ANY BRIDGE OR