

ROAD; AND

(I) ANY PURCHASE OR LEASE OF ANY ROAD OR CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT OR MACHINERY.

(2) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CECIL COUNTY SHALL ADVERTISE FOR BIDS ON ANY SUCH CONTRACT IN:

(I) 1 OR MORE NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED IN CECIL COUNTY; OR

(II) SUCH PUBLIC NOTICE AS THEY DEEM MOST ADVISABLE, IF NO NEWSPAPER IS PUBLISHED IN CECIL COUNTY.

(3) THE PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIRED BY THIS SUBSECTION SHALL:

(I) BE GIVEN AT LEAST ONCE;

(II) APPEAR AT LEAST 1 WEEK, BUT NOT MORE THAN 30 DAYS, BEFORE THE FINAL DATE FOR SUBMITTING BIDS;

(III) IF THE CONTRACT PERTAINS TO BRIDGE OR ROAD WORK, SET FORTH THE PLACE WHERE THE BRIDGE OR ROAD IS TO BE CONSTRUCTED OR REPAIRED;

(IV) SET FORTH A DESCRIPTION OF THE GOODS OR SERVICES BEING BID ON;

(V) PROVIDE NOTICE THAT SEALED PROPOSALS FOR THE GOODS OR SERVICE WILL BE RECEIVED UNTIL A DAY NAMED IN THE ADVERTISEMENT; AND

(VI) PROVIDE NOTICE OF THE DATE FOR THE OPENING OF THE BIDS.

(B) (1) SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO AN EXPENDITURE BY CECIL COUNTY THAT:

(I) IS \$7,500 OR LESS IN AMOUNT; OR

(II) A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HAS DECLARED TO BE AN EMERGENCY EXPENDITURE; PROVIDED THAT SUCH A VOTE SHALL BE A RECORDED VOTE TAKEN AT A PUBLIC MEETING.

(2) IN ANY CASE WHERE THE EXPENDITURE IS \$7,500 OR LESS IN AMOUNT, OR WHICH HAS BEEN DECLARED TO BE AN EMERGENCY EXPENDITURE, THE FOLLOWING SHALL BE IN THE DISCRETION OF THE CECIL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

(I) THE MANNER OF PROVIDING FOR THE EXPENDITURE, INCLUDING WHETHER THE WORK SHALL BE DONE BY CONTRACT