

the procurement but [may not be less than] SHALL BE GIVEN AT LEAST 10 days [prior to the date for the] BEFORE BID opening [of bids].

[(2) Notices of invitations for bids on State contracts for which the bid amount is reasonably expected to be over \$25,000 and notices of the subsequent awards of those projects shall be published in the Maryland Register.

(3) A notice of invitation for bids required under paragraph (2) shall be published at least 30 days before the bid opening date. Publication of the notice required by paragraph (2) which is less than 30 days before the bid opening date shall be defective notice, unless the project is exempt from competitive sealed bidding by State law.]

(III) IF BID PRICES ARE REASONABLY EXPECTED TO EXCEED ~~\$50,000~~ \$25,000, OR A LOWER THRESHOLD AMOUNT SET BY THE BOARD BY REGULATION, NOTICE OF THE INVITATION FOR BIDS SHALL BE PUBLISHED IN THE MARYLAND REGISTER AT LEAST ±5 20 DAYS BEFORE BID OPENING. THIS SUBPARAGRAPH DOES NOT APPLY TO A PROCUREMENT IF THE RESULTING CONTRACT IS REASONABLY EXPECTED TO BE PERFORMED ENTIRELY OUTSIDE THIS STATE AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

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

[(4) Notices of awards of contracts exempt from the bid notice publication requirement of paragraph (3) shall be published in the Maryland Register.]

(5) In the event of an emergency, the head of the procurement agency may waive the requirements of this section. The necessity for the waiver shall be documented and published in the Maryland Register.]

[(6)] (V) Notices of [invitation] INVITATIONS for bids [on other State contracts and their subsequent awards] NOT REQUIRED TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE MARYLAND REGISTER may be published in the Maryland Register [at the option of the State documents administrator when requested by the procurement agency, and when publication is considered in the State's interest by the procurement agency and the State documents administrator] IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBTITLE 2 OF TITLE 7 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE CODE.

(7) Public notice may also be given by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in this State or in any other publication which will give adequate public notice.]

(VI) PUBLIC NOTICE OF AN INVITATION FOR BIDS MAY ALSO BE GIVEN BY POSTING ON A BID BOARD AND BY PUBLICATION IN NEWSPAPERS, PERIODICALS, AND TRADE JOURNALS.