(3) The price of supplies AND SERVICES purchased from sheltered workshops shall be set by the pricing and selection committee for sheltered workshops.

[18-203.] 11-143. BLIND INDUSTRIES AND SERVICES PRICING COMMITTEE.

There shall be a pricing committee for Blind Industries and Services of Maryland. The committee is composed of four persons: the executive vice president of Blind Industries or his designee; a member of the executive board, or designee of the National Federation of the Blind of Maryland, appointed by that board; the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services or his designee; and the Secretary of General Services or his designee. The committee shall set the prices of all supplies AND SERVICES sold by Blind Industries. These prices shall be fixed so as to reflect the fair market price for the supplies. The members shall serve without compensation and shall receive assistance from the staff of Blind Industries and Services.

11-144. STATE USE INDUSTRIES.

A STATE AGENCY SHALL PURCHASE SUPPLIES AND SERVICES FROM STATE USE INDUSTRIES AS PROVIDED IN ARTICLE 27, §§ 680 THROUGH 681M OF THE CODE.

[Subtitle 3. Resident Business Preference.]

[18-301.] 11-145. RESIDENT BUSINESS PREFERENCE.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) "Maryland firm" means a business entity that has its principal office in the State.

(3) "Nonresident firm" means a business entity that has its principal office out of the State.

(b) (1) When awarding a contract by competitive bidding, a procurement agency shall give a percentage preference to the lowest responsive and responsible bid from a Maryland firm over that of a nonresident firm if the state in which the nonresident firm is located gives a resident business preference.

(2) The percentage of preference awarded under this section shall be the same as that awarded by the state in which the nonresident firm is located.

(c) If in conflict with any federal grant or regulation affecting the contract, the provisions of this section do not apply.

[Subtitle 4. Priorities Among Preferences.]