

bureau or agency of the State or of any political subdivision of the State, except in instances where the Authority is required by this subtitle to obtain all applicable licenses and permits, and follow the required procedures, and without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things than those proceedings, conditions, or things which are specifically required by this subtitle; except that: 1. with respect to the market, the consent of the Regional Planning Council shall be obtained; 2. the market shall be subject to all applicable laws and regulations of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene and shall be subject to all zoning and subdivision regulations of the political subdivision in which the market is located; 3. the park shall be subject to all applicable laws and regulations of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene and shall be subject to all zoning and subdivision regulations of the political subdivision in which the park is located; 4. construction of the park may not begin unless a comprehensive study establishes that the construction and operation of the park would be both economically and environmentally sound; and 5. Maryland Food Center Authority construction, financing, or working drawings for the development of the park may not begin until the project is approved by the General Assembly. Provided further that all plans and any issue of bonds for the financing of the facilities of the Authority shall first be submitted to and be approved prior to the sale thereof by resolution of the Board of Public Works; and provided further, that all other plans, contracts, and leases, acquiring, transferring, or conveying property shall have the approval of the Board of Public Works[.];

(ii) In carrying out its duties and responsibilities, the Authority shall comply with [Article 21, § 8-601 of the Code] § 18-601 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE and the minimum minority business participation requirements enumerated therein. In addition, the Authority shall take affirmative steps to include minority businesses in its markets and the park to at least the same extent as required by [Article 21, § 8-601 of the Code] § 18-601 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE;

(4) Make contracts and leases and execute all instruments necessary or convenient, including contracts or leases with respect to the construction, operation, maintenance, management, and use of the facilities of the market and the park, parking facilities, concessions, stalls, auction house, docking facilities, or other facilities, on such terms and for such of its corporate purposes as the Authority deems advisable; all contracts for the construction of the facilities of the market and the park shall be made only after the solicitation of sealed bids except where the facilities are to be constructed on land which has been either leased or sold by the Authority to a private entity or entities;