

Section 11-145
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1985 Volume and 1986 Supplement)
(As enacted by Chapter 840 of the
Acts of the General Assembly of 1986)

BY adding to

Article 24 - Political Subdivisions - Miscellaneous
Provisions
Section 8-102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1981 Replacement Volume and 1986 Supplement)
(As enacted by Chapter 840 of the
Acts of the General Assembly of 1986)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - State Finance and Procurement

11-145.

(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.]

(B) (1) WHEN AWARDING A CONTRACT BY COMPETITIVE BIDDING, IF THE STATE IN WHICH A NONRESIDENT FIRM IS LOCATED GIVES AN ADVANTAGE TO ITS RESIDENT BUSINESSES, A PROCUREMENT AGENCY MAY GIVE AN IDENTICAL ADVANTAGE TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BID FROM A MARYLAND FIRM OVER THAT OF THE NONRESIDENT FIRM.

(2) AN ADVANTAGE MAY INCLUDE:

(I) A PERCENTAGE PREFERENCE;