

(II) AN EMPLOYEE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT; OR

(III) ANY OTHER PROVISION THAT FAVORS A NONRESIDENT FIRM OVER A MARYLAND FIRM.

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

Article 24 - Political Subdivisions - Miscellaneous Provisions

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(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, IF THE STATE IN WHICH A NONRESIDENT FIRM IS LOCATED GIVES AN ADVANTAGE TO ITS RESIDENT BUSINESSES, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OR ANY INSTRUMENTALITY OF GOVERNMENT WITHIN THE STATE 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;

(II) AN EMPLOYEE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT; OR

(III) ANY OTHER PROVISION THAT FAVORS A NONRESIDENT FIRM OVER A MARYLAND FIRM.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1987.

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