

OFFER OR SAMPLE HAS BEEN EVALUATED AS UNACCEPTABLE TO THE UNIT MAY NOT BE OPENED AT ANY TIME.

(4) (II) A PROCUREMENT OFFICER SHALL RETURN AN UNOPENED PRICE BID SUBMITTED BY A BIDDER WHOSE TECHNICAL OFFER OR SAMPLE HAS BEEN EVALUATED AS UNACCEPTABLE.

(C) PUBLIC NOTICE OF INVITATIONS FOR BIDS.

(1) -- A UNIT SHALL PUBLISH NOTICE OF AN INVITATION FOR BIDS WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME IN TERMS OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCUREMENT BUT:

(i) -- THE UNIT SHALL PUBLISH NOTICE AT LEAST 10 DAYS BEFORE OPENING THE BIDS; AND

(ii) -- WHENEVER THE BID PRICES REASONABLY ARE EXPECTED TO EXCEED \$25,000 OR A LOWER AMOUNT THAT THE BOARD SETS BY REGULATION ADOPTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 10, SUBTITLE 1 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE UNIT SHALL PUBLISH NOTICE IN THE MARYLAND REGISTER AT LEAST 20 DAYS BEFORE OPENING THE BIDS UNLESS A PROCUREMENT OFFICER REASONABLY EXPECTS THAT NO PART OF THE PROCUREMENT CONTRACT WILL BE PERFORMED WITHIN THE STATE OR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

(2) (1) A UNIT SHALL GIVE PUBLIC NOTICE OF AN INVITATION FOR BIDS BEFORE BID OPENING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBSECTION.

(2) A UNIT SHALL GIVE REASONABLE NOTICE THAT SHALL BE AT LEAST 10 DAYS BEFORE BID OPENING.

(3) THE UNIT SHALL PUBLISH NOTICE IN THE MARYLAND REGISTER AT LEAST 20 DAYS BEFORE BID OPENING IF:

(I) THE PROCUREMENT OFFICER REASONABLY EXPECTS BID PRICES TO EXCEED \$25,000 OR A LOWER AMOUNT SET BY THE BOARD BY REGULATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 10, SUBTITLE 1 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE; AND

(II) AT LEAST PART OF THE PROCUREMENT CONTRACT IS TO BE PERFORMED IN THIS STATE OR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

(4) IN ADDITION TO ANY NOTICE REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, A UNIT MAY PUBLISH NOTICE OF AN INVITATION FOR BIDS:

(I) IN THE MARYLAND REGISTER IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 7, SUBTITLE 2 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE;

(II) ON A BID BOARD; OR

(III) IN A NEWSPAPER, PERIODICAL, OR TRADE JOURNAL.