

CHAPTER 505

(House Bill 209)

AN ACT concerning

Procurement – Pre-Bid Conferences – Minutes

FOR the purpose of requiring a procurement officer to have certain minutes prepared of certain pre-bid conferences by a certain time; and establishing that minutes of pre-bid conferences are public records open to public inspection at certain times.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Finance and Procurement

Section 13–210

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1988 Replacement Volume and 1992 Supplement)

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

Article – State Finance and Procurement

13–210.

(A) (1) IF A PROCUREMENT OFFICER DECIDES TO CONDUCT A PRE-BID CONFERENCE TO EXPLAIN THE REQUIREMENTS OF A PROCUREMENT THAT IS EXPECTED TO EXCEED \$100,000, AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE AFTER THE CONFERENCE CONCLUDES, THE PROCUREMENT OFFICER SHALL HAVE WRITTEN MINUTES OF THE CONFERENCE PREPARED.

(2) THE MINUTES OF A PRE-BID CONFERENCE ARE PUBLIC RECORDS AND SHALL BE OPEN TO PUBLIC INSPECTION DURING ORDINARY BUSINESS HOURS.

[(a)](B) (1) Subject to Title 10, Subtitle 6, Part III of the State Government Article:

(i) a summary of the final evaluation of a proposal shall be open to public inspection;

(ii) after an award, all proposals shall be open to public inspection; and

(iii) at and after bid opening, the contents of a bid and any document submitted with the bid shall be open to public inspection.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in this section, Title 10, Subtitle 6, Part III of the State Government Article shall govern any request for the disclosure of information related to a procurement.