

(6) provisions designed to ensure that a fiscal disadvantage to the State does not result from an inadequate response by minority business enterprises to a request for bids;

(7) PROVISIONS RELATING TO JOINT VENTURES, UNDER WHICH A BIDDER MAY COUNT TOWARD MEETING ITS MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION GOAL, THE MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PORTION OF THE JOINT VENTURE;

[(7)](8) provisions relating to any circumstances under which a unit may waive obligations of the contractor relating to minority business enterprise participation; and

[(8)](9) other provisions that the Board considers necessary or appropriate to encourage participation by minority business enterprises and to protect the integrity of the procurement process.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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14-301.

(a) ~~In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated:~~

(b) ~~“Certification” means the determination that a legal entity is a minority business enterprise for the purposes of this subtitle through a procedure that:~~

(1) ~~the Department of Transportation uses; or~~

(2) ~~the State Minority Business Certification Council recommends.~~

(c) ~~“Certified minority business enterprise” means a minority business enterprise that holds a certification.~~

(d) “Designated unit” means:

(1) the Department of General Services;

(2) the Department of Transportation;

(3) THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE;

(4) THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES;

(5) THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES;

[(3)](6) the Interagency Committee on School Construction;

[(4)](7) the Maryland Food Center Authority;

[(5)](8) the Maryland Stadium Authority;