

~~(b) (1) Whenever a procurement is based on noncompetitive negotiation, a unit shall publish a request for general expressions of interest.~~

~~(2) A request for general expressions of interest shall:~~

~~(i) state the general requirement for services;~~

~~(ii) request interested service providers to respond in writing with general expressions of interest; and~~

~~(iii) be published in the same manner as required for an invitation for bids.~~

~~(e) (1) To satisfy all or part of the requirements of the State as they occur, and without additional advertising, the procurement officer may conduct discussions with any responsible service provider who has submitted an expression of interest.~~

~~(2) As far as practicable in the course of administering a program, the unit shall treat fairly and equally with respect to discussions all responsible service providers who have submitted expressions of interest.~~

~~(d) After obtaining any approval required by law, the unit may award a procurement contract if the head of the unit determines, on the basis of continuing discussions or past program experience, that an award will serve the best interests of the State.~~

~~(e) A unit shall publish in the Maryland Register notice of a procurement contract awarded under this section.]~~

14-208.

(A) Within 90 days after the end of each fiscal year, the Secretary of General Services, the Secretary of Transportation, and the Chancellor of the University of Maryland System each shall submit a report on the operation and effectiveness of the Small Business Preference Program to[:

(1)] the Board[; and

(2)] .

(B) WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF ALL REPORTS REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE BOARD SHALL COMPILE THE INFORMATION AND REPORT ON THE ENTIRE SMALL BUSINESS PREFERENCE PROGRAM TO the Legislative Policy Committee, subject to § 2-1312 of the State Government Article.

15-111.

~~[(d) Within 90 days after the end of each fiscal year, the Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning shall submit to the Board and the General Assembly a report on each class of procurement for which the procedure for noncompetitive negotiated procurement has been approved under § 13-106 of this article.]~~