

(II) UNACCEPTABLE DELAYS IN FULFILLING THE AUTHORITY'S NEEDS.

(E) IF THE AUTHORITY USES PROCEDURES OTHER THAN COMPETITIVE PROCEDURES TO PROCURE PROPERTY, SERVICES OR CONSTRUCTION UNDER SUBSECTION (C)(2) OF THIS SECTION, THE AUTHORITY SHALL REQUEST OFFERS FROM AS MANY POTENTIAL SOURCES AS IS PRACTICABLE UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

(F) (1) TO PROMOTE EFFICIENCY AND ECONOMY IN CONTRACTING, THE AUTHORITY MAY USE SIMPLIFIED ACQUISITION PROCEDURES FOR PURCHASES OF PROPERTY, SERVICES, AND CONSTRUCTION.

(2) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION, SIMPLIFIED ACQUISITION PROCEDURES MAY BE USED FOR PURCHASES FOR AN AMOUNT THAT DOES NOT EXCEED THE SIMPLIFIED ACQUISITION THRESHOLD ADOPTED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

(3) A PROPOSED PURCHASE OR CONTRACT FOR AN AMOUNT ABOVE THE SIMPLIFIED ACQUISITION THRESHOLD MAY NOT BE DIVIDED INTO SEVERAL PURCHASES OR CONTRACTS FOR LESSER AMOUNTS IN ORDER TO USE THE PROCEDURES UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(4) IN USING SIMPLIFIED ACQUISITION PROCEDURES, THE AUTHORITY SHALL PROMOTE COMPETITION TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PRACTICABLE.

(G) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION. THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES SHALL PROVIDE FOR PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF PROCUREMENTS AND OTHER ACTIONS DESIGNED TO SECURE COMPETITION WHERE COMPETITIVE PROCEDURES ARE USED.

(H) THE AUTHORITY IN ITS DISCRETION MAY REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS OR PROPOSALS RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO A SOLICITATION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act may not take effect until similar Acts are passed by the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Virginia; that the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Virginia are requested to concur in this Act of the General Assembly by the passage of substantially similar Acts; that the Department of Legislative Reference shall notify the appropriate officials of the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the United States Congress of the passage of this Act; and that, upon the concurrence in this Act by the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the United States, the Governor of the State of Maryland shall issue a proclamation declaring this Act valid and effective and shall forward a copy of the proclamation to the Director of the Department of Legislative Reference.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the amendments made by this Act are severable. Thus, should any proposed Compact Amendment passed pursuant to this Act be rejected by another jurisdiction, the remaining Compact Amendments may still be enacted into law.