

authority of this Act, such lands, structures, rights-of-way, property, rights, franchises, easements, and other interests in lands, including lands lying under water and riparian rights, which are located within the METROPOLITAN Washington [metropolitan] area, as [it] THE AUTHORITY may deem necessary or convenient for the construction and operation of the project, upon such terms and at such prices as may be considered by it to be reasonable and can be agreed upon between it and the owner thereof; and to take title thereto in the name of the Authority.

All counties, cities, towns and other political subdivisions and all public agencies and authorities of the signatories, notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, are hereby authorized and empowered to lease, lend, grant, or convey to the Authority at the Authority's request, upon such terms and conditions as the proper authorities of such counties, cities, towns, political subdivisions, agencies, or authorities may deem reasonable and fair and without the necessity for any advertisement, order of court, or other action or formality, other than the regular and formal action of the authorities concerned, any real property which may be necessary or convenient to the effectuation of the authorized purposes of the Authority, including public roads and other real property already devoted to public use.

Whenever a reasonable price cannot be agreed upon, or whenever the owner is legally incapacitated or is absent, unknown or unable to convey valid title, the Authority is hereby authorized and empowered to acquire by condemnation or by the exercise of the power of eminent domain any lands, property, right, rights-of-way, franchises, easements, and other property deemed necessary or convenient for the construction or the efficient operation of the project or necessary in the restoration of public or private property damaged or destroyed.

Whenever the Authority acquires property under this Article IV of [this chapter] CHAPTER II, it shall comply with the applicable federal law relating to relocation and relocation assistance. If there is no applicable federal law, the Authority shall comply with the provision of the state law of the signatory in which the property is located governing relocation and relocation assistance.

In advance of undertaking any acquisition of property or easements in Maryland or the condemnation of such property, the Authority must obtain from the Maryland Board of Public Works approval of a plan identifying the properties to be obtained for the project. Condemnation proceedings shall be in accordance with the provisions of state law of the signatory in which the property is located governing condemnation by the highway agency of such state. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to authorize the Authority to condemn the property of the Commonwealth of Virginia [or], the State of Maryland, OR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

B. Procurement

1. Except as provided in subsections 2, 3, and 6 of this Section B, and except in the case of procurement procedures otherwise expressly authorized by [statute] LAW, the Authority in conducting a procurement of [property] GOODS, services, or construction shall: a. obtain full and open competition through the use of competitive procedures in accordance with the requirements of this section; and b. use the