

a primary procurement unit in a certain manner; specifying situations under which an intergovernmental cooperative purchasing agreement is appropriate; prohibiting a primary procurement unit from participating under a federal contract if the State's participation is valued at less than a specified denomination; defining certain terms; and generally relating to authorization for the use of intergovernmental cooperative purchasing agreements.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article - State Finance and Procurement
Section 13-102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1995 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article - State Finance and Procurement
Section 13-110
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1995 Replacement Volume and 1996 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

13-102.

(a) Except as provided in Subtitle 3 of this title, all procurement by units shall be by competitive sealed bids unless one of the following methods specifically is authorized:

- (1) competitive sealed proposals under § 13-104 or § 13-105 of this subtitle;
- (2) noncompetitive negotiation under § 13-106 of this subtitle;
- (3) sole source procurement under § 13-107 of this subtitle;
- (4) emergency or expedited procurement under § 13-108 of this subtitle;

[or]

- (5) small procurement under § 13-109 of this subtitle; OR

(6) AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT UNDER § 13-110 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(b) (1) In awarding a procurement contract for human, social, cultural, or educational service, the preferred method is by competitive sealed proposals under § 13-104 of this subtitle.

(2) In awarding a procurement contract for a lease of real property, the preferred method is by competitive sealed proposals under § 13-105 of this subtitle.

(3) PROCUREMENT UNDER AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT IS APPROPRIATE IN SITUATIONS WHERE THE STATE IS