

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Finance and Procurement

Section 13-102

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1995 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – State Finance and Procurement

Section 13-401 and 13-402 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 4.  
Streamlined Process for Procurement of Information Technology Services”

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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 AND SUBTITLE 4 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;
- (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 expected to achieve a better price as the result of economies of scale or to otherwise benefit by purchasing in cooperation with another governmental entity.