

the Board of Public Works from the General Professional Services Selection Board and the Transportation Professional Services Selection Board for the award of contracts for architectural and engineering services; providing that a unit of the Department of Transportation shall negotiate competitively contracts for architectural and engineering services below a certain threshold amount; revising the threshold amount for a certain certificate; and generally relating to procurement of architectural and engineering services.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - State Finance and Procurement

Section 13-304, 13-306, 13-310, and 13-317

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2001 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article - State Finance and Procurement**

13-304.

(a) The selection boards shall adopt regulations that provide substantially similar procedures to carry out this subtitle.

(b) The procedures of each selection board shall ensure that a recommendation to the Board of Public Works for the award of a procurement contract for architectural or engineering services costing over ~~[\$100,000]~~ \$200,000 is made on a competitive basis and includes an evaluation of the technical proposals and qualifications of at least 2 persons.

13-306.

(a) Except for a transportation unit, a unit that intends to procure architectural or engineering services costing more than ~~[\$100,000]~~ \$200,000 shall submit a request to the General Selection Board at a public meeting of that Board.

(b) The General Selection Board shall publish reasonable and timely notice of a request presented under this section.

13-310.

(a) (1) A transportation unit that intends to procure architectural or engineering services shall submit a request to the Secretary of Transportation.

(2) The Secretary of Transportation shall certify to the Transportation Selection Board that the architectural or engineering services requested under this section cannot be provided feasibly and economically by existing in-house resources.

(b) The Transportation Selection Board shall:

(1) publish uniform and consistent announcements of all requests for architectural services or engineering services; and