

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 25 – County Commissioners

Section 37A

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

**Article 25 – County Commissioners**

37A.

(a) (1) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, in Cecil County the following purchases of goods and services shall be by competitively bid contract awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder:

- (i) Any construction or repair of any bridge or road; and
- (ii) Any purchase or lease of any road or construction equipment or machinery.

(2) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the County Commissioners of Cecil County shall advertise for bids on any such contract in:

- (i) 1 or more newspapers published in Cecil County; or
- (ii) Such public notice as they deem most advisable, if no newspaper is published in Cecil County.

(3) The public notice required by this subsection shall:

- (i) Be given at least once;
- (ii) Appear at least 1 week, but not more than 30 days, before the final date for submitting bids;
- (iii) If the contract pertains to bridge or road work, set forth the place where the bridge or road is to be constructed or repaired;
- (iv) Set forth a description of the goods or services being bid on;
- (v) Provide notice that sealed proposals for the goods or services will be received until a day named in the advertisement; and
- (vi) Provide notice of the date for the opening of the bids.

(b) (1) Subsection (a) of this section does not apply to an expenditure by Cecil County that:

- (i) Is ~~[\$7,500]~~ \$10,000 or less in amount; or