

(5) establish a system to develop, collect, summarize, and give out information that would help a person to:

- (i) establish a minority business enterprise;
- (ii) operate a minority business enterprise successfully; or
- (iii) promote the establishment and successful operation of minority business enterprises; and

(6) subject to the limitations of law and the availability of funds:

(i) provide technical and managerial assistance to minority business enterprises;

(ii) provide the managerial and organizational framework for private entities and units of the State government to plan and carry out joint undertakings that relate to minority business enterprises; and

(iii) pay, wholly or partly, the costs of a pilot or demonstration project that is intended to overcome the special problems of minority business enterprises.

9-306.

(a) On or before the 15th day of each regular session of the General Assembly, the [Director] SPECIAL SECRETARY shall send an annual report on the Office of Minority Affairs:

- (1) to the Governor; and
- (2) subject to § 2-1246 of this article, to the General Assembly.

#### **Article - State Finance and Procurement**

13-103.

(a) (1) Whenever procurement is based on competitive sealed bids, a procurement officer shall seek bids by issuing an invitation for bids.

(2) Subject to subsection (b) of this section, an invitation for bids shall include:

(i) the specifications of the procurement contract, INCLUDING THE EXPECTED DEGREE OF MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION, AS PROVIDED IN § 14-303(B) OF THIS ARTICLE;

(ii) whether the procurement contract will be awarded based on the lowest bid price, the lowest evaluated bid price or, if the procurement is subject to § 11-202(3) of this article, the bid most favorable to the State;

(iii) if the procurement contract will be based on evaluated bid price, the objective measurable criteria by which the lowest evaluated bid price will be determined; and