

Article - State Finance and Procurement

19-103.

(a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) "Administrative law judge" means the individual assigned by the Office of Administrative Hearings to conduct a hearing under this title.

(c) (1) "Business entity" means any person, **AS DEFINED IN § 1-101(D) OF THIS ARTICLE**, firm, sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, limited liability company, or other business entity or a combination of any of these entities, including any financial institution, developer, consultant, prime contractor, subcontractor, supplier, or vendor, that has submitted a bid or proposal for, has been selected to engage in, or is engaged in providing goods or services to the State.

(2) "Business entity" does not include another governmental entity that is subject to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

(d) "Commercial customer" means a business entity that procured or attempted to procure goods or services from a business entity for business as opposed to personal, family, or household use.

(e) "Commercial Nondiscrimination Policy" means the provisions contained under this title and any regulations or documentation requirements adopted by the Maryland [Human Relations] Commission [for the Office of Minority Affairs] **ON HUMAN RELATIONS** in accordance with this title.

(F) (1) "COMMERCIAL TREATMENT" MEANS THE TREATMENT OF A VENDOR, SUPPLIER, SUBCONTRACTOR, OR COMMERCIAL CUSTOMER BY A BUSINESS ENTITY THAT AFFECTS THE CONDUCT OF BUSINESS AND THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH BUSINESS IS TRANSACTED BETWEEN TWO OR MORE BUSINESS ENTITIES.

(2) "COMMERCIAL TREATMENT" DOES NOT MEAN TREATMENT THAT IS UNRELATED TO A BUSINESS TRANSACTION OR THE CONDUCT OF BUSINESS.

[(f) (G) "Commission" means the Maryland [Human Relations] Commission ON HUMAN RELATIONS.