

technology; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the inclusion of a clause regarding nonvisual access in each invitation for bids or request for proposals for information technology under the State procurement law.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Finance and Procurement

Section 3-402 and 13-218(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1995 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – State Finance and Procurement

Section 3-412

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1995 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

Article – State Finance and Procurement

3-402.

- (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) “Board” means the Information Technology Board.
- (c) “Chief” means the Chief of Information Technology.
- (d) “Information technology” means all electronic information processing hardware and software, including:
 - (1) maintenance;
 - (2) telecommunications; and
 - (3) associated consulting services.

(E) “NONVISUAL ACCESS” MEANS THE ABILITY, THROUGH KEYBOARD CONTROL, SYNTHESIZED SPEECH, BRAILLE, OR OTHER METHODS NOT REQUIRING SIGHT, TO RECEIVE, USE AND MANIPULATE INFORMATION, AND OPERATE CONTROLS NECESSARY TO ACCESS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.

[(e)] (F) “Telecommunications” has the meaning provided in § 3-701 of this article.

[(f)] (G) “Resource sharing” means the utilization of a State resource by private industry in exchange for the provision to the State of a communication service or other consideration.