

within this article and because the meaning of the word "citizen" in this context is unclear.

Defined terms: "Department" § 1-101

"Office" § 3-301

"State" § 1-101

3-303. CONTRACT AND GRANT AUTHORITY.

(A) AUTHORITY SUBJECT TO APPROVAL.

THE OFFICE MAY ENTER INTO CONTRACTS OR MAKE GRANTS:

(1) CONSISTENT WITH THIS SUBTITLE; AND

(2) SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE SECRETARY OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE.

(B) PROCUREMENT.

PROCUREMENT BY THE OFFICE FOR SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED OR SUPPLIES TO BE DELIVERED OUTSIDE THE STATE SHALL BE CONSISTENT WITH, BUT NOT SUBJECT TO, DIVISION II OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 83A, § 3-301(c).

In subsection (a)(1) of this section, the reference to this "subtitle" is substituted for the former reference to this "section" to reflect the reorganization of material derived from former Art. 83A, § 3-301 in this subtitle.

In subsection (b) of this section, the reference to "Division II of" the State Finance and Procurement Article is added for clarity.

Also in subsection (b) of this section, the former reference to "the purposes or requirements of" the State Finance and Procurement Article is deleted as surplusage.

Defined terms: "Office" § 3-301

"Secretary" § 1-101

"State" § 1-101

3-304. INTERNATIONAL TRADE ACTIVITY.

WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON EXPORTS, THE OFFICE SHALL ENCOURAGE BUSINESSES IN THE STATE TO INCREASE INTERNATIONAL TRADE ACTIVITIES BY:

(1) CHANNELING TRADE LEADS AND PROVIDING A LIST OF PRESCREENED FOREIGN INTERMEDIARIES;

(2) PROVIDING INFORMATIONAL AND CONSULTATIVE SERVICES ON THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE PROCESS, INCLUDING:

(i) MARKET RESEARCH AND SELECTION;