

HARFORD COUNTY

amended), title "Procurement", be, and it is hereby, repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

219. Procurement

(b) Competitive Bidding. Any single purchase by or contract with the County of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00), or more, except contracts for professional services customarily negotiated, shall be made from or let by sealed bids or proposals publicly opened after public notice for such period or in such manner as the County Executive or his designee shall determine. Such purchases or contracts shall be made from or awarded to the lowest responsible bidder who shall give security or bond for the performance of his contract as determined by the County Executive or his designee; provided, however, that no such purchase or contract shall be made or awarded within a period of one week from the date of the public openings of bids. Should the award not be made within ninety (90) days of the public openings of the bids, all bid bonds and/or bid bond checks shall be returned to the respective bidders. Should the County award the bid at a later date, the bidder who then receives the bid shall not be held liable for any damages should that bidder decline the bid. In all cases the County shall reserve the right to reject any and all bids. All construction, maintenance and repair work shall be subject to the requirements of competitive bidding provided in this section, unless such work is to be done directly by the County through the use of its own laboring force. All materials and supplies used by the County laboring force shall be purchased in accordance with the provisions of this article. The provisions of this article, however, shall not apply to any purchase or contract with respect to which there is only one supplier and provided further, the provisions of this article shall not apply to emergency purchases or contracts, but any and all purchases or contracts made under these exceptions shall be specifically reported to the County Council at the time of the next County Council meeting after such purchases or contracts.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect sixty (60) days from the date it becomes law.

Approved May 17, 1974