Annotated Code of Maryland (1995 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - State Government

Section 15-505(d-1)

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

Article - State Finance and Procurement

13-202.

- (A) DURING THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS AFTER A SOLICITATION IS ISSUED AND UNTIL A FINAL CONTRACT IS AWARDED RECOMMENDATION IS MADE BY A PROCUREMENT OFFICER, A PROCUREMENT OFFICER MAY DISCLOSE TO A PERSON OUTSIDE THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT ONLY:
- (1) WHETHER A DECISION HAS BEEN MADE REGARDING A SOLICITATION; AND
- (2) INFORMATION THAT IS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC <u>UNDER §§ 10–611</u> THROUGH 10–628 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.
- (B) <u>AFTER A SOLICITATION IS ISSUED</u>, A PROCUREMENT OFFICER SHALL RECORD <u>AND INCLUDE IN THE PROCUREMENT FILE</u> THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM AN INQUIRY FROM A SOURCE OUTSIDE THE AGENCY OR UNIT UNDERTAKING THE PROCUREMENT EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT:
 - (1) THE DATE AND TIME OF THE INQUIRY;
- (2) THE NAME AND AFFILIATION OF THE PERSON MAKING THE INQUIRY; AND
 - (3) THE SUBSTANCE AND NATURE OF THE INQUIRY.
- (C) A PROCUREMENT OFFICER SHALL MAINTAIN A FILE ON EACH PROCUREMENT THAT INCLUDES:
- (1) A RECORD OF ALL INQUIRIES FROM SOURCES OUTSIDE THE ACENCY OR UNIT-UNDERTAKING THE PROCUREMENT REQUIRED TO BE RECORDED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION;
 - (2) ALL WRITTEN SOLICITATIONS BY AN AGENCY OR UNIT;
 - (3) ALL OFFERS RECEIVED:
- (4) ALL INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING THE PROCUREMENT;