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By: **Chairman, Commerce and Government Matters Committee**  
**(Departmental - General Services)**

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CHAPTER 243

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Procurement - Public Notice of Procurement**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the methods of publication of notice of the solicitation of  
4 certain contracts; defining certain terms; and generally relating to notice  
5 requirements under the State procurement law.

6 BY adding to  
7 Article - State Finance and Procurement  
8 Section 13-101(d) and (e)  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2001 Replacement Volume)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article - State Finance and Procurement  
13 Section 13-103(c)  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2001 Replacement Volume)

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

1 **Article - State Finance and Procurement**

2 13-101.

3 (D) "EMARYLAND MARKETPLACE" MEANS THE INTERNET-BASED  
4 PROCUREMENT SYSTEM MANAGED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES.5 (E) "CONTRACT WEEKLY ONLINE" MEANS THE INTERNET-BASED VERSION OF  
6 THE MARYLAND CONTRACT WEEKLY.

7 13-103.

8 (c) (1) A unit shall give public notice of an invitation for bids before bid  
9 opening in accordance with this subsection.10 (2) A unit shall give reasonable notice that shall be at least 10 days  
11 before bid opening.12 (3) ~~(H)~~ The unit shall publish notice in the Contract Weekly AND  
13 CONTRACT WEEKLY ONLINE ~~{at least 20 days before bid opening}~~ if:14 ~~{(i)}~~ ~~1-~~ the procurement officer reasonably expects bid prices to  
15 exceed \$25,000 or a lower amount set by the Board by regulation in accordance with  
16 Title 10, Subtitle 1 of the State Government Article; and17 ~~{(ii)}~~ ~~2-~~ at least part of the procurement contract is to be  
18 performed in this State or the District of Columbia.19 ~~(H) THE NOTICE SHALL BE POSTED IN THE CONTRACT WEEKLY~~  
20 ~~ONLINE AT LEAST 20 DAYS BEFORE BID OPENING.~~21 (4) In addition to any notice required under this subsection, a unit may  
22 publish notice of an invitation for bids:23 (i) in the Contract Weekly in accordance with Title 7, Subtitle 2 of  
24 the State Government Article;

25 (ii) on a bid board OR EMARYLAND MARKETPLACE; or

26 (iii) in a newspaper, periodical, or trade journal.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
28 effect June 1, 2002.

