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(a) When determining how most effectively to use the money in the Fund, the Administration shall consider the recommendations of the Advisory Committee.

(b) In carrying out this subtitle, and consistent with the purposes of the Fund, the Administration may contract with:

(1) experts in the area of offshore wind energy;

(2) the Small Business Development Center Network in the University of Maryland; and

(3) entities experienced in assisting emerging businesses, including minority-owned emerging businesses, in accessing market opportunities.

(c) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, Division II of the State Finance and Procurement Article does not apply to a service that the Administration obtains under this section.

(2) The Administration is subject to Title 12, Subtitle 4 of the State Finance and Procurement Article for services under this section.

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