

BILL: House Bill 780
Competitive Sealed Proposals - Security Contracts

COMMITTEE: Senate Budget & Taxation

DATE: March 26, 2024

POSITION: **Letter of Information**

Upon review of House Bill 780 - Competitive Sealed Proposals - Security Contracts, the Maryland Department of General Services (DGS) provides these comments for your consideration.

As amended, this bill names competitive sealed proposals as the preferred procurement method for security contracts with an expected value of more than one million dollars. In competitive sealed proposals, procurement officials establish the factors, including price, that are the basis for the contract award and the relative importance of each factor. This is in contrast to a competitive sealed bid which prioritizes the price of the contract.

The bill would go into effect July 1, 2025. Competitive sealed proposals are required to be handled by Procurement Officer III or higher, therefore additional Procurement Officers III or higher may be required to support this requirement.

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