
By: **Carroll County Delegation**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Carroll County - Public Notice of County Contracts and Purchases**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Chief of the Bureau of Purchasing for the Carroll
4 County Commissioners to provide public notice of certain contracts and
5 purchases in certain media and on the Internet; authorizing the County
6 Commissioners of Carroll County to allow the Chief of the Bureau of Purchasing
7 to participate in cooperative or piggyback purchasing with certain other
8 government agencies or associations under certain circumstances; and generally
9 relating to contracts and purchases in Carroll County.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 The Public Local Laws of Carroll County
12 Section 3-401
13 Article 7 - Public Local Laws of Maryland
14 (2000 Edition and August 2001 Supplement, as amended)

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

17 **Article 7 - Carroll County**

18 3-401.

19 (A) In contracting for any necessary public work or improvement or the
20 purchase of supplies and equipment needed at any time by the several departments of
21 the County, the County Commissioners of Carroll County may enter into contracts for
22 public work or improvement and may purchase supplies and equipment on an order

1 passed by the County Commissioners provided that the cost of the public work or
2 improvement or the purchase price of the supplies and equipment does not exceed
3 \$25,000.00.

4 (B) When the cost of any project for public work or improvement, or the
5 purchase price of any supplies and equipment exceeds \$25,000.00, except in
6 emergencies or when there is a sole source of supply, the Chief of the Bureau of
7 Purchasing for the County Commissioners shall [advertise] PROVIDE PUBLIC
8 NOTICE for at least one week [in one or more newspapers] IN A MEDIA ACCESSIBLE
9 TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO A NEWSPAPER
10 circulated in Carroll County AND AN INTERNET WEB SITE, for bids to perform the
11 public work or improvement or to furnish the supplies and [equipment,]
12 EQUIPMENT. [which advertisement] THE PUBLIC NOTICE shall state the date, time
13 and place of opening of the [bids; and the] BIDS.

14 (C) THE bids shall be opened in the presence of an employee designated by the
15 County Commissioners of Carroll [County, and the] COUNTY.

16 (D) THE County Commissioners of Carroll County shall award the contract to
17 the lowest responsible bidder whose bid is considered reasonable, or in their
18 discretion, may reject any or all bids.

19 (E) The County Commissioners may authorize nonprofit entities that are
20 funded by the County or eligible to receive county funds, to participate in county
21 procurement contracts.

22 (F) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF THE
23 BUREAU OF PURCHASING TO PARTICIPATE IN COOPERATIVE OR PIGGYBACK
24 PURCHASING WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES OR ASSOCIATIONS,
25 PROVIDED PUBLIC NOTICE FOR THE BID IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES AND
26 REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE SOLICITING AGENCY OR ASSOCIATION.

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