

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
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**FISCAL NOTE**  
**Revised**

House Bill 730 (Chairman, Commerce and Government Matters Committee)  
(Departmental – General Services)  
Commerce and Government Matters Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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**State Procurement - Public Notice of Procurement**

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This departmental bill requires that notice be published in the *Contract Weekly* and *Contract Weekly Online* for any procurement by competitive sealed bids where bid prices are expected to exceed \$25,000 and at least part of the procurement contract is to be performed in the State or the District of Columbia. The notice must be posted at least 20 days before bid opening. The bill also adds *eMaryland Marketplace* as a permitted forum for publication of notice for other procurements by competitive sealed bids.

The bill is effective June 1, 2002.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Expenditures and revenues would not be directly affected. Increase in administrative efficiency associated with bid notifications for certain procurements.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** The Department of General Services has determined that this bill will have a meaningful impact on small business (attached). Legislative Services concurs with this assessment. (The attached assessment does not reflect amendments to the bill.)

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** For procurements by competitive sealed bids, with an expected bid price of \$25,000 or more, and at least a part of the procurement performed in the State or the District of Columbia, a notice must be published in the *Contract Weekly* at least 20 days

before bid opening. For other procurements by competitive sealed bids a notice may be published in the *Contract Weekly*, on a bid board, or in a newspaper, periodical, or trade journal.

**Background:** The eMaryland Initiative (Chapter 6 of 2000) created a CEO Board of Advisors for E-Commerce and an eMaryland Application Service Provider (ASP) at the University of Maryland to develop an advanced electronic business environment in Maryland. The Department of General Services (DGS), in partnership with Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) and its partners KPMG Consulting and Mētiom, has established the *eMaryland Marketplace* ([www.emarylandmarketplace.com](http://www.emarylandmarketplace.com)) to provide for interactive bidding and catalog purchasing. The interactive bidding is a paid subscription service (\$150 for basic service, \$225 for premium level) that allows the State to post solicitations and receive bids online. The catalog purchasing allows vendors to post e-catalogs from which State agencies can make electronic purchases at a cost to the vendor of \$3.50 per transaction.

Chapter 354 of 2001 permits the State to conduct all aspects of procurement by electronic means. According to DGS, since Chapter 354's effective date of June 1, 2001, the Maryland Initiative has solicited over \$75 million in goods and services on behalf of State and local government entities.

**State Fiscal Effect:** The bill's requirements would increase administrative efficiency for notification of procurements.

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### Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Department of General Services, Maryland State Treasurer's Office, Department of Transportation, Department of Budget and Management, Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, Department of Legislative Services

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