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A BILL ENTITLED

1	AN ACT concerning
2 3	Competitive Sealed Proposals – Disclosure of Information – Minority Business Enterprise Participation
4 5 6	FOR the purpose of authorizing a procurement officer to disclose certain information for a certain purpose under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the disclosure of information during the competitive sealed proposal process.
7 8 9 10 11	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – State Finance and Procurement Section 13–202(a) Annotated Code of Maryland (2006 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)
12 13	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
14	Article - State Finance and Procurement
15	13–202.
16 17 18 19	(a) (1) [After] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AFTER a solicitation is issued and until a recommendation is made by a procurement officer, a procurement officer may disclose to a person outside the Executive Department only:
$\begin{array}{c} 20 \\ 21 \end{array}$	[(1)] (I) whether a decision has been made regarding a solicitation; and
22 23	[(2)] (II) information that is available to the public under $\$ 10–611 through 10–628 of the State Government Article.



- 1 **(2)** IN ADDITION TO THE INFORMATION THAT MAY BE DISCLOSED 2 UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, FOR THE PURPOSE OF 3 **ENCOURAGING** MINORITY BUSINESS **ENTERPRISE** PARTICIPATION 4 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, A PROCUREMENT OFFICER MAY DISCLOSE TO A PERSON OUTSIDE THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT THE NAMES OF TEAMS 5 6 SUBMITTING PROPOSALS FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS BEING PROCURED 7 AS A COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSAL.
- 8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 9 October 1, 2008.