



January 26, 2026

The Honorable Senator Karen Lewis Young  
Maryland Senate  
3 West Miller Senate Office Building  
11 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**RE: Senate Bill 213: State Procurement – Transparency and Procedures**

Dear Senator Lewis Young:

I am writing on behalf of the American Council of Engineering Companies/Maryland (ACEC/MD) to express our strong support for Senate Bill 213 (SB-213): State Procurement - Transparency and Procedures. This bill addresses a critical issue that has long plagued the procurement process in Maryland: the lack of transparency and clear guidelines for bidders.

As we all know, procurement is a complex and often opaque process. Bidders frequently face uncertainty and confusion, with few guidelines, answers, or feedback to help them improve their current or future bids. This can lead to frustration, wasted resources, and a lack of confidence in the system.

SB-213 takes a significant step towards addressing these issues. By requiring debriefings for unsuccessful bidders, providing clear guidelines for procurement officers, and establishing a more transparent and equitable process for contract modifications, this bill will help to level the playing field and promote fairness and competition in the procurement process.

We believe that this bill will have a positive impact on the business community, particularly for small and minority-owned businesses that often struggle to navigate the complexities of procurement. By providing more transparency and clarity, SB-213 will

help to increase participation and competition, drive innovation, and ultimately benefit the taxpayers of Maryland.

We urge you to support SB-213 and work towards creating a more transparent, efficient, and effective procurement process in Maryland.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

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