

ACEC

American Council of Engineering Companies
Maryland

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WHO ARE WE?

An organization of 90 engineering and professional service firms in the State of Maryland

WHO DO WE REPRESENT?

Over 6,000 employees including:

Engineers	Scientists
Architects	Technical Specialists
Land Surveyors	Planners

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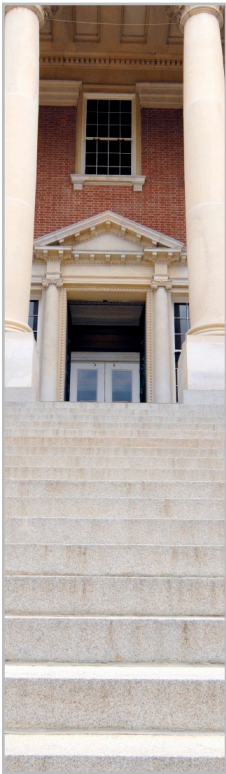
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PROVIDING FOR FAIR COMPETITION ON A/E CONTRACTS

WHAT IS THE ISSUE?

The 2015 session included passage of House Bill 738, which modified the Annotated Code of Maryland with respect to jurisdiction over procurement issues. Additional modifications are necessary to address confusion in the procurement process regarding A/E firms' participation in the selection process. Current regulations state that if an individual or a firm assists a State agency in drafting a specification for a procurement contract that individual or firm is prohibited indefinitely, or as long as the State uses the specification in the procurement contract for which it was drafted or any other procurement contract, from helping anyone to prepare a bid or proposal for that contract.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

- Existing regulations deprive firms the ability to participate in certain procurements if they employ an individual that assisted in the drafting of any specifications used for the procurement. Contract specifications are regularly used on projects that the original drafter had not intended.
- Current laws place unreasonable requirements on a firm to know everything employees worked on from start of their careers.
- Would not change the requirements of the ethics law contained in State Government Article, Title 15, Subtitle 5.

Legislative Action Required

Modify language on participation in A/E procurement process. Establish clear guidelines with prescribed timeframes that outline specific requirements for participation in State procurements.