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LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS AGENDA

WHO ARE WE?

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

WHO DO WE REPRESENT?

Over 7,000 employees including:

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Architects	Technical Specialists
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QUALIFICATIONS BASED SELECTION (QBS)

Both federal and Maryland state procurements use Qualifications Based Selection to procure professional design services for their projects.

WHAT IS THE ISSUE?

Federal and state monies are used by many local jurisdictions for infrastructure projects. Some of these jurisdictions are using a low bid system to select design services related to these initiatives. Both the federal and state government long ago mandated Qualifications Based Selection as the method to select architects and engineers.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

- QBS ensures that the most qualified team is selected for the work.
- It provides for consideration of all teams based on past performance.
- Qualifications Based Selection leads to higher quality services on public infrastructure projects.
- Selecting the most qualified firm likely results in better design and construction savings.

Legislative Action Required

Pass legislation that requires all local jurisdictions in Maryland to use the QBS process to select professional design firms when federal or State dollars are used to pay for the services.