

Prince George's County Council Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 7/24/2013
Reference No.: CB-025-2013
Draft No.: 1
Proposer(s): Franklin
Sponsor(s): Franklin, Harrison, Lehman, Toles
Item Title: An Act concerning Purchasing for the purpose of requiring the Purchasing Agent under certain circumstances to utilize County-based small businesses for goods and services or construction that are small purchases not exceeding an aggregate amount of \$30,000.

Drafter: Colette R. Gresham, Legislative Officer
Resource Personnel: Brendon L. Laster, Legislative Aide District 9

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented:	5/14/2013	Executive Action:	8/6/2013 S
Committee Referral:	5/14/2013 - PSFM	Effective Date:	1/1/2014

Committee Action: 6/18/2013 - FAV

Date Introduced: 7/2/2013
Public Hearing: 7/24/2013 - 10:00 AM

Council Action (1) 7/24/2013 - ENACTED
Council Votes: WC:A, DLD:A, MRF:A, AH:A, ML:A, EO:A, OP:A, IT:A, KT:A
Pass/Fail: P
Remarks:

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

10A-115

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PSFM Committee Report

Date 6/18/2013

REPORT: COMMITTEE VOTE: Favorable 5-0 (Councilmembers: Toles, Franklin, Davis, Harrison and Lehman)

This bill requires the Purchasing Agent, under certain circumstances, to use County-based small businesses for construction or purchases of goods and services when the aggregate purchase amount does not exceed \$30,000 at the time price quotations are solicited. There is an exception if the Purchasing Agent determines in writing that there are not at least three (3) available County-based businesses that can adequately perform the requirements or if a County-based business cannot offer a reasonable price for the contract which is within 12% above the best price on the open market. Marian Brown from the Office of Central Services spoke in support of the bill and does not foresee any problems with its implementation. The Committee members inquired about the threshold amount of \$30,000 and if that is still an adequate threshold. Ms. Brown indicated that the threshold is still a little low but was increased three years ago to the current amount.

The Office of Law has reviewed this bill and finds it to be in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its

enactment.

The enactment of CB-25-2013 will not have an adverse fiscal impact on the County as an additional cost incurred will be minimal.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)

The proposed legislation requires the Purchasing Agent under certain circumstances to utilize County-based small businesses for goods and services or construction when the amount of the purchase is small and does not exceed an aggregate amount of \$30,000.

CODE INDEX TOPICS:

INCLUSION FILES:
