



EXECUTIVE ORDER
No. 2021-017

WHEREAS, the Baltimore County Executive is charged with and responsible for the proper and efficient administration of the affairs of Baltimore County, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, the Architect/Engineer Professional Services Selection Order creating a Professional Services Selection Committee ("PSSC") was established by County Executive Policy Directive on February 28, 1975; revised on May 28, 1976; amended on November 12, 1976; adopted as an Executive Order on December 21, 1987; amended on November 18, 2005; and repealed and replaced with an Executive Order dated January 29, 2010 ("January 29, 2010 Executive Order"); and

WHEREAS, under the January 29, 2010 Executive Order, all prospective professional services in such fields as architecture, landscape architecture, professional engineering, and land surveying must go through a lengthy prequalification process managed through the PSSC; and

WHEREAS, the lengthy prequalification process managed through the PSSC as stated in the January 29, 2010 Executive Order provides the County with the ability to engage in cooperative purchasing for certain forms of contracts and price agreements but prohibits the County from engaging in cooperative purchasing for professional services contracts; and

WHEREAS, cooperative purchasing will save time and leverage more competitive pricing from previously competitively bid procurements, which will save the County time and money; and

WHEREAS, the most effective means for the County to attain the ability to engage in cooperative purchasing for professional services contracts of other jurisdictions would be through an amendment to the January 29, 2010 Executive Order; and

WHEREAS, an amendment of the January 29, 2010 Executive Order to allow the County the ability to engage in cooperative purchasing for professional services contracts would afford the County the opportunity to expand competition for specialized professional services to consultants already vetted and prequalified by other jurisdictions, and will further position the County to be able to utilize the services of consultants in areas not likely covered under existing contracts; and

NOW, THEREFORE, on this 21st day of May, 2021, by the Baltimore County Executive it is hereby ordered that the January 29, 2010 Executive Order be and is hereby amended to allow Baltimore County the ability to engage in cooperative purchasing for competitively established professional services contracts of other jurisdictions, with a limit of \$500,000 per contract.

This Order remains effective until rescinded, superseded, amended, or revised by additional orders.

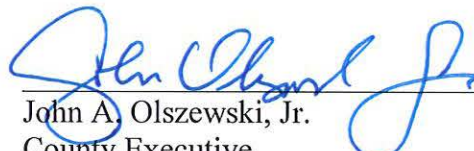
The effect of any statute, rule or regulation of any agency of Baltimore County, Maryland inconsistent with this Order is hereby suspended.

A copy of this Executive Order shall be made available on-line at www.baltimorecountymd.gov for the public.

ATTEST:




Dawn Kile
Executive Secretary




John A. Olszewski, Jr.
County Executive

APPROVED:



D'Andrea L. Walker
Acting Director, Department of Public Works

Reviewed for Form and Legal Sufficiency and approved for Execution.



James R. Benjamin, Jr.
County Attorney