

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 23-0205R
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Conway, President Mosby, and Councilmembers Ramos, Porter,
Cohen, Burnett, Middleton, Bullock, and Costello

Introduced and read first time: December 4, 2023

Assigned to: Finance and Performance Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Finance

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Investigative Hearing - Procurement in Baltimore City**

3 FOR the purpose of inviting the Bureau of Procurement, the Department of Finance, and the
4 Bureau of Budget and Management Research to brief the City Council on procurement
5 practices in Baltimore City with regard to their impact on the effectiveness of the City's
6 procurement process, including a discussion of potential problems identified within these
7 processes, and solutions to improve City bidding and procurement.

8 **Recitals**

9 **WHEREAS**, Baltimore is a modern city which relies on the procurement of project vendors
10 through bidding;

11 **WHEREAS**, procurement is the process by which a City agency identifies a need, publishes a
12 solicitation for vendors, reviews bids, selects a vendor, negotiates and signs a contract with the
13 selected vendor, and begins the project related to the original need;

14 **WHEREAS**, the City's procurement system is ineffective and presents several problems, such
15 as the low-bidder system of selecting vendors, the length of time it takes to procure a vendor, and
16 prioritization of procurement requests;

17 **WHEREAS**, Baltimore deserves a procurement system that allows for efficient projects,
18 reasonable costs, and a variety of bidders to choose from;

19 **WHEREAS**, the City needs to engage in a discussion about its inefficient procurement process
20 and the impact it has the value of projects procured in the City, and identify solutions for the
21 problems within the system in order to adopt an updated approach to bidding and procurement

22 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the City
23 Council invites the Bureau of Procurement, the Department of Finance, and the Bureau of Budget
24 and Management Research to brief the City Council on procurement practices in Baltimore City
25 with regard to their impact on the effectiveness of the City's procurement process overall,
26 including a discussion of potential problems identified within these processes, and solutions to
27 improve City bidding and procurement.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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1 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Chief
2 Procurement Officer of the Bureau of Procurement, the Director of Finance, the Budget Director
3 of the Bureau of Budget and Management Research, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the
4 City Council.