

ACEC

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LEGISLATIVE INTERESTS

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
Land Surveyors	Planners

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QUALIFICATIONS BASED SELECTION (QBS)

Both federal and Maryland state procurements use Qualifications Based Selection (QBS) 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 governments long ago mandated QBS as the method to select architects and engineers. ACEC member firms strongly support QBS for procurement of design services.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

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

WHY A LEGISLATIVE INTEREST?

- Important issue among Architectural/Engineering Firms
- State legislators can encourage local jurisdictions to advertise through QBS process