Harbor Board to advertise for proposals.

circulation published in the city of Baltimore, for proposals for all the necessary work in the harbor and in the channels of the Chesapeake Bay, and the Patapsco River below Fort McHenry, for the ensuing year; specifying the probable number of cubic yards of solid matter to be removed by dredging and the character of all other works of the department; that all mud and sediment is to be removed to a point distant from the city so that it or any portion thereof shall not flow into any of the channels of the Chesapeake Bay, or Patapsco River; and that none but Baltimore labor shall be employed by the contractors; all bids shall be opened in public on the day and hour named in the advertisement; any bidder or bidders of known capacity, responsibility and integrity, (subject to the hereinafter named restrictions), shall have the privilege of handing in his or their bid and of being present at the opening and reading of the said bids, and the contract awarded to the lowest responsible bidders; provided the said bidder or bidders be citizen or citizens of Baltimore city and resident therof, and *bona fide* engaged in the business of dredging, or that the said bidder be a corporation, incorporated under the laws of the State of Maryland, with its principal office located in the city of Baltimore and engaged in the dredging business; and no contract or work shall be awarded or given hereunder to any person or persons unless the bidder or bidders shall first file an affidavit made by him or them, with the said Board, that he or they are citizens and *bona fide* residents of the city of Baltimore, and that he or they are *bona fide* engaged

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in the dredging business; if the said bidder should be a corporation an affidavit shall be made by either its president or secretary that it is so incorporated and that its principal office is located in the city of Baltimore; and any award or contract of work made hereunder with any person or persons who are not citizens and residents of Baltimore city, or with any corporation that is not incorporated under the laws of this State, and which has not its principal office located in the city of Baltimore, shall be null and void; and the said Board shall incorporate in said award or contract a condition that the same shall be of non-effect and void if made with any person or persons who are not citizens and residents of the city of Baltimore, or with any corporation that is not incorporated by the State of Maryland and has not its principal office in the city of Baltimore; and in case any award or contract should be null and void hereunder, the party or corporation so doing the work in violation of this section shall forfeit all money due therefor and shall have no claim on said city therefor; and before any award shall be awarded or contract made hereunder, the person or persons, or corporation, to whom awarded or with whom made hereunder, shall, in writing, agree with said Board to the terms and conditions of this section, and agree to be bound thereby. The Board may reserve the right to reject any or all bids; and in the event of such rejection the Board shall advertise as before for proposals for a period of ten days in two of the daily newspapers published in the city of Baltimore; and in the event that no acceptable bid shall be obtained

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Condition to be incorporated in contract.

Right of Board to reject any and all bills.