RESOLUTION NO. RS-2019-20

(Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchase [INTG-19-0023] One Armored Tactical Vehicle)

RECITALS

The Code of the Public Local Laws of Washington County, Maryland (the "Public Local Laws"), §1-106.3, provides that the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland (the "Board") "may procure goods and services through a contract entered into by another governmental entity in accordance with the terms of the contract, regardless of whether the county was a party to the original contract."

Subsection (c) of §1-106.3 provides that, "A determination to allow or participate in an intergovernmental cooperative purchasing arrangement under subsection (b) of this section shall be by resolution and shall either indicate that the participation will provide cost benefits to the county or result in administrative efficiencies and savings or provide other justifications for the arrangement."

The Sheriff's Office seeks to acquire a Tactical Armored Vehicle to replace an older vehicle that is to be retired. The vehicle will be used by the Washington County Special Response Team (SWAT Team) to transport members to high risk situations such as active shooters, high risk search warrants, barricaded armed suspects, and hostage situations. The vehicle is also used to rescue citizens from the same situations. The vehicle is designed and can be used for off-road and rural missions if necessary. The recommended replacement vehicle is a 2019 Lenco Bear Cat G3.

The government of Howard County, Maryland – Office of Purchasing procured the recommended agreement. The Board of County Commissioners determines that participation by Washington County would result in cost benefits or administrative efficiencies. The County will benefit with direct cost savings in the purchase of the Armored Tactical vehicle because of the economies of scale this buying group leveraged. Any bid received as a result of an independent County solicitation would exceed the spend savings that Howard County, Maryland – Office of Purchasing provides through this agreement. Additionally, the County will realize savings through administrative efficiencies as a result of not preparing, soliciting, and evaluating a bid. The savings/cost avoidance would be significant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board, pursuant to §1-106.3, to procure one (1) Bear Cat Armored Tactical Vehicle for the Sheriff's Office from Lenco Industries, Inc. of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, at the contracted price totaling \$285,876.00, based on the contract awarded by Howard County, Maryland – Office of Purchasing's Solicitation #IFB201-17 (Lenco's contract #4400003206).

Adopted and effective this <u>\$\sigma\$</u> day of October, 2019.

ATTEST:

Krista I. Hart Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

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