

RESOLUTION NO. RS-2019-30

(Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchase [INTG-19-0026] One [1] Body Scanner for Sheriff's Office)

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 will be purchasing a new body scanner to be used primarily at the Detention Center. Full body scanners provide an additional, crucial tool to intercept drugs, weapons, and other contraband. Reducing contraband increases safety for the officers and other staff and can assist with improving the outcome for inmates receiving substance use disorder treatment and recovery services by the interception of drugs being smuggled into the facility. Dangerous contraband, whether it be weapons designed to cause bodily harm, tools used to aid escape attempts, or illegal drugs that disrupt normal operations and cause health and safety concerns, is an operational safety and security challenge requiring constant line level and management level attention.


U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) is a nationwide strategic sourcing program designed by public purchasing professionals for use by government agencies and public-benefit non-profits throughout the country. Acquisition of the equipment by utilizing the GSA contract and eliminating the County's bid process would result in administrative efficiencies for the Sheriff's Office as well as overall better pricing due to economies of scale offered by the subject contract.

The Board of County Commissioners determines that participation by Washington County will result in cost benefits or administrative efficiencies. Any bid received as a result of an independent County solicitation would exceed the spend savings that the State of Maryland 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 and cost avoidance would be significant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board, pursuant to §1-106.3, to purchase one (1) Body Scanner and related equipment from Sysorex Government Services, Inc., of Herndon, Virginia, and to utilize a GSA contract No. GS-35F-210DA for the total amount of One Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$149,000).

Adopted and effective this seventeenth day of December, 2019.

ATTEST:



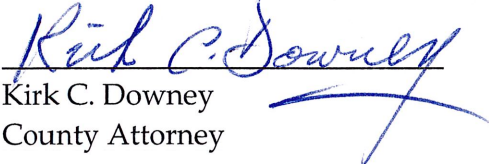
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