

RESOLUTION NO. RS-2020- 04

(Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchase [INTG-20-0029] Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Division of Emergency Services)

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."

In an effort to offset the costs associated with providing personal protective gear (PPE) to volunteer firefighters, Washington County began providing additional assistance to volunteer fire companies by providing PPE for distribution to active firefighters throughout Washington County. The intent is to replace PPE that is damaged or past its serviceable life of ten (10) years. Since the beginning of this program, the County has purchased two hundred and twenty (220) sets of turnout gear. The additional twenty-four (24) sets of turnout gear procured this fiscal year will be distributed to firefighters throughout the County in an ongoing effort to replace aging gear that can no longer be certified.

The County will benefit with the direct cost savings in the purchase of this equipment because of economies of scale leveraged through the contract awarded to Witmer Public Safety Group, Inc., of Williamsport, Maryland, by the State of New Jersey (Solicitation #17DPP00100, New Jersey Contract T0790) (the "State of New Jersey Contract"). Additionally, the County will realize savings through administrative efficiencies as a result of not preparing, soliciting, and evaluating a bid. Acquisition of the equipment by utilizing the State of New Jersey Contract and eliminating the County's bid process will result in administrative and cost savings for the Division of Emergency Services in preparing specifications and the Purchasing Department in administering the procurement process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board, pursuant to §1-106.3 of the Public Local Laws, to approve the purchase of twenty-four (24) sets of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) (coats at \$1,370.60 each and pants at \$971.30 each) for the Division of Emergency Services from Witmer Public Safety Group, Inc., at contracted unit prices totaling \$56,205.60 based on the State of New Jersey Contract.

Adopted and effective this twenty-fifth day of February, 2020.

ATTEST:




Krista L. Hart, Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: 

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