

RESOLUTION NO. RS-2020- ~~35~~

(Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchase [INTG-20-0051] 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."

The Division of Emergency Services seeks to purchase fifty (50) sets of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as follows: fifty (50) coats/pants at a cost of \$1,426.15/each coat and \$1,010.90/each pant, thirty-six (36) firefighter helmets at \$249 each, fifty (50) firefighter gloves at \$91 each, fifty (50) Majestic hoods at \$27 each, and fifty (50) pairs of boots at \$145 each, from Witmer Public Safety Group, Inc., of Williamsport, Maryland, at contracted unit prices totaling \$143,966.50 based on the contract awarded by the State of New Jersey (Solicitation #17DPP00100; New Jersey Contract T0790). The structural turn-out gear is needed to outfit the thirty-three (33) newly hired Firefighter/Fire Apparatus Operators and the three (3) newly hired Captains (PM/Firefighters) who will be hired in February 2021, with the additional gear being added to the spare gear inventory which has been depleted.

The County will benefit with the direct cost savings in the purchase of the PPE under the New Jersey Contract T0790 because of economies of scale the State of New Jersey leveraged thereunder. 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 and the Purchasing Department in preparing specifications.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board, pursuant to §1-106.3 of the Public Local Laws, to authorize by Resolution the purchase of said PPE from Witmer Public Safety Group, Inc., of Williamsport, Maryland, at contracted unit prices totaling \$143,966.50 based on the contract awarded by the State of New Jersey (Solicitation #17DPP00100; New Jersey Contract T0790).

Adopted and effective this seventeenth day of November, 2020.

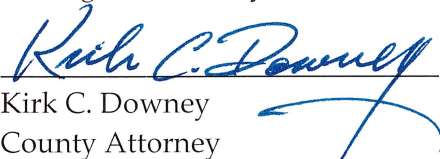
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