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## Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement Procurement Officer Determination

COMAR 21.05.09.04

Per COMAR 21.05.09.02, as a Primary Procurement Unit, the DGS Office of State Procurement (OSP) may initially sponsor or participate in, renew, modify, or administer an Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement (ICPA) on its own behalf or on behalf of another agency when a determination is made under SFP §13-110 and COMAR 21.05.09.04.

The State of Maryland, Department of General Services (DGS) seeks to execute a modification to extend the period of Participating Addendum with AT&T Corp, T-Mobile USA, Inc., and Verizon Wireless, from 1/1/2021 through 6/30/2024 to 8/11/2029, under the National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO) ValuePoint's Wireless Voice, Data & Accessories ("NASPO Contract"). NASPO strives to make the governmental procurement process more efficient by establishing competitively priced contracts.

The NASPO ValuePoint alliance aggregates the demand of all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the organized US territories. There are currently 50 states plus Guam and the District of Columbia, PAs against this NASPO Master Contract for Wireless Voice, Data, and Accessories (2019-2029) (Utah) for wireless services and equipment. This cumulative purchasing power and multi-state and locality volume buying result in more favorable rates than the State would otherwise obtain by contracting directly with the vendors.

The Office of State Procurement (OSP) has determined that the transition from the NASPO ValuePoint (formerly WSCA) – Contract #1907 to the NASPO Master Contract for Wireless Data, Voice, and Accessories (2019-2029) will continue to provide greater cost benefits to the State than if the State procured these products and services independently due no change in the current market place. The three contractors within the Maryland region are included in this ICPA, (AT&T Corp., T-Mobile USA, Inc., and Verizon Wireless (Cellco Partnership, D/B/A Version Wireless)

In accordance with COMAR 21.05.09.04, the Procurement Officer has determined that it is in the best interest of the State to continue participation in the NASPO Wireless Voice, Data & Accessories (2019-2029) Master contract. Continuing to participate in this ICPA is in the best interest of the State and is not in any way intended as a means to evade the purpose set forth under COMAR 21.01.01.03.

In accordance with COMAR 21.05.09.04, I have determined that the ICPA will promote administrative efficiencies, particularly by the time and resources required to run a new procurement, as well as promoting intergovernmental cooperation. The Participation Addendum is in the best interest of the State and is not intended to evade the purposes of Division II of the State Finance and Procurement Article Section 13-110.

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## DGS OSP ICPA POD for Wireless Voice, Data & Accessories

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