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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 Department of General Services (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 contract, which was awarded on May 5, 2023 via a NASPO ValuePoint ICPA solicitation, is slated to conclude on July 31, 2028. Convergent Technologies, LLC, was selected as the contractor based on its demonstrated capacity to provide comprehensive security solutions. The company's service offerings encompass advanced fire detection, state-of-the-art access control systems, cutting-edge burglar alarm systems, comprehensive surveillance services, high-quality equipment, as well as thorough inspections and monitoring services.

Convergent Technologies, LLC's proposal was evaluated based on the criteria outlined in the Maryland's solicitation. The evaluation process included a thorough review of the proposal's technical, pricing, and other relevant aspects. The proposal met all the mandatory requirements specified in the solicitation and demonstrated a clear understanding of the scope of work and the needs of our agency/organization.

I recommend that a statewide contract be awarded from the ICPA to Convergent Technologies, LLC via the ICPA method because the significant shortening of the acquisition cycle bestowed massive administrative benefits. The ICPA also reduced the effort required to evaluate and award this contract. These are the administrative benefits that the use of cooperative purchasing provided to the State. The use of any alternative procurement method would have extended the time to award by a drastic amount. The Statewide requirement for potentially life-saving fire detection and security systems informed DGS's choice of procurement method.

Based on the analysis of the solicitation and ICPA award documents, I have determined that it is in the best interest of the State of Maryland to participate in this ICPA. Doing so will promote administrative efficiencies, and it is not intended to evade the purposes set forth under COMAR 21.01.01.03.

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