



Wes Moore, Governor · Aruna Miller, Lt. Governor · Atif Chaudhry, Secretary

**Procurement Officer's Determination
Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement
COMAR 21.05.09.04**

Department/Procurement Agency: Department of Budget and Management

Category: Professional Services

Contract Type: Firm Fixed Price

Contract Term: 2 Months

Estimated Contract Value: \$190,000

Name and Address of Selected Vendor: Accenture, LLP
1201 Wilson Boulevard
Arlington, VA 22209

Background:

The State of Maryland, Department of Budget and Management ("DBM") through the Department of General Services ("DGS") seeks to execute a participating addendum ("Participating Addendum") with Accenture, LLP under the University of Virginia's Strategic Support Services Contract, #UVA-AGR-SVC-00263-Accenture, to provide priority identification and research, risk management and scenario planning, and program management support services. This Contract is available to State agencies nationwide, institutions of higher education, cities, and counties. It has been awarded through a competitive public procurement process that is compliant with Maryland statutes.

Scope Description

Under the Participating Addendum Accenture, LLP has provided a comprehensive proposal that will provide an independent, structured, and research-based approach to assist the State with the following:

- **Priority Identification and Research.** The contractor will research the president-elect's party platform and campaign policy proposals; supportive third-party organization policy recommendations; legislative agenda from the incoming majority party in the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate; and transition committee announcements and position and organize them against impacted state priorities, goals, and programs. A key outcome of this work will be to understand the potential impact of changes to federal policies, funding, and programs on the Moore administration's priorities, and identifying potential Executive Branch appointees in key agencies and Congressional staff on relevant committees.

- Risk Management and Scenario Planning. The contractor will identify and assess risks (and/or opportunities) and outline mitigation plans and response activities, reviewing and building upon existing scenario planning work done by the Office of the Governor. A key outcome of this work will be prioritized areas to focus State resources and efforts and consider potential avenues for legal challenges.
- Program Management Support for the Administration. The contractor will perform project management activities for Administration officials and scenario planning working groups charged with planning for this transition. This support may include meeting support and tracking of action items.

The resulting services from this ICPA would allow the State to look for the potential impact of changes to federal policies, funding, and programs on the Moore administration’s priorities and identify potential Executive Branch appointees in key agencies and Congressional staff on relevant committees. The Federal Transition Strategic Advisory Support Services project will identify and implement initiatives to improve the operational efficiency of Maryland’s mission-support functions and large programs, focusing on cost savings and performance improvement.

Basis for Selection:

The use of this procurement method will reduce the time period between need determination and delivery of the solution, will ensure expeditious transparency to the citizens of Maryland. In accordance with COMAR 21.05.09.04(B)(1)(b), it is determined that this Participating Addendum promotes administrative efficiencies, and promotes intergovernmental cooperation. The Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement 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.

Determination By: Christopher Hautala 11/7/24
Christopher Hautala, Procurement Officer Date

DGS Office of State Procurement Approval:
Primary procurement unit head approval of the above facts and determination

Yasin Mohammed Date: Nov 7, 2024
Yasin Mohammed, Director of Procurement

Atif Chaudhry Date: Nov 7, 2024
Atif Chaudhry, Secretary Department of General Services









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