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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.

In accordance with State Procurement Regulations COMAR 21.05.09.04, the DGS OSP Procurement Officer, on behalf of the Department of Service and Civic Innovation (DSCI) has determined that it is in the best interest of the State to procure a new contract with Uber Technologies for rideshare services for SERVE Act Program members utilizing the Cooperative Council of Governments, Inc (CCOG) and Equalis Group LLC's contract through the ICPA procurement method.

CCOG was formed under Chapter 167 of the Ohio Revised Code and serves as a lead agency for Equalis Group LLC ("Equalis Group"), a national cooperative purchasing organization, by publicly procuring Master Agreements for products and services to be made available to current and prospective Equalis Group members. Equalis Group is the third-party procurement administrator for and duly authorized agent of CCOG, and in that role manages the procurement, contract management, marketing, sales, reporting, and financial activities of, for, and on behalf of CCOG at the direction and with the authorization of the CCOG Board of Directors.

This Master Agreement was competitively procured by Equalis Group in March of 2024. After an evaluation process, which included a thorough review of the technical and financial factors, it was determined that Uber Technologies fully met and complied with all the specifications and requirements of the RFP. The State is receiving pricing equal to what is offered for other group purchasing organizations, cooperative purchasing organizations and state purchasing departments. The State is receiving additional savings by participating in Uber's rebate structure program.

Since Uber Technologies prices were obtained through a competitive procurement conducted by the Equalis Group, and the DGS OSP Procurement Officer has determined the price reasonableness of the contract rates, the reduction in administrative burdens on the State by not having to conduct a stand-alone competitive procurement is realized by this ICPA procurement. Additionally, this ICPA procurement will reduce the length of time for delivery of the solution to further reduce the administrative burden and will ensure transparency to the citizens of Maryland. The use of the ICPA method is not intended to evade the purposes set

forth under COMAR 21.01.01.03 or State Finance and Procurement (SFP) § 13-110.

Based upon the analysis and market research conducted noted above for rideshare services, I have determined that it is in the best interest of the State to participate in this intergovernmental cooperative purchasing agreement, that doing so will provide cost benefits to the State, promote administrative efficiencies, or promote intergovernmental cooperation, and is not intended as a means to evade the purposes set forth under COMAR 21.01.01.03.

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