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**Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement
Procurement Officer's 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.

In accordance with State Procurement Regulations, COMAR 21.05.09.05, the Maryland Department of General Services (DGS or Department) intends to participate in an Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement competitively procured by NASPO ValuePoint for Debris Removal and Monitoring Services, Master Agreement No.: OK-MA-EV00000453. This initiative will provide Emergency Management and Logistic Support. The NASPO Contract includes FEMA-funded and FEMA-reimbursable language, which is advantageous and cost savings to the state.

The anticipated amount for this ICPA is NTE \$80,000,000.

NASPO ValuePoint provides the highest standard of excellence in public cooperative contracting. Additionally, NASPO ValuePoint delivers the highest valued, reliable, and competitively sourced contracts, offering public entities outstanding prices. Thus, by leveraging the leadership and expertise of all States and the purchasing power of their public entities NASPO ValuePoint is crucial because State Governments can obtain the best value of quality goods and services through competition, efficient delivery of products and services, fair and equitable competitive contracting opportunities for suppliers, and maintaining public confidence through ethical and transparent procurement practices

The Cooperative Purchasing Agreement was competitively procured by the State of Oklahoma through the National Association of State Procurement Officers (NASPO) ValuePoint program. The Master Contract was awarded to twelve (12) qualified contractors in Debris Removal and Monitoring, one of which is DRC Emergency Services LLC.

The Office of Statewide Procurement seeks to participate in the master contract with DRC Emergency Services LLC. These services will support both emergent and non-emergency situations nationwide, addressing both natural and human-caused events. In the event of declared emergencies, the contractor is expected to comply with all EPA, FEMA, State, and Federal guidelines and regulations. The resulting contracts will serve as a platform for contractual relief for participants in urgent situations.

DRC Emergency Services, LLC Principal Office is in Galveston, TX, with a Residence Office in Lutherville, MD. The selected provider will provide support for comprehensive emergency

management, logistics, planning, training, and disaster recovery services before, during, and after disasters. Specific tasks include, but are not limited to:

- **Program & Project Management:** Overseeing complex, multi-layered safety initiatives.
- **Deliberate Planning:** Developing tactical preparedness and operational plans.
- **Training & Exercises:** Designing and executing drills to test readiness.
- **Continuous Improvement:** Analyzing performance to upgrade current systems.
- **Financial Management:** Tracking grant funding and emergency expenditures.
- **Public & Stakeholder Relations:** Managing community outreach, crisis communications, and public information affairs.

Price Reasonableness and Findings

The pricing negotiated under the Master Agreement represents the not-to-exceed maximum rate for any purchasing entity and is publicly available. Individual entities can negotiate even lower rates depending on the volume and scope of the specific disaster or cleanup project. Additionally, the solicitation was competitive across several vendors and was reviewed by lead public procurement officials; it serves as an official determination of market fairness.

Leveraging the NASPO ValuePoint Master Agreement provides substantial cost savings and operational advantages to the state. While DGS currently holds a competitively bid contract with DRC Emergency Services, LLC, it is limited to Snow and Debris Removal without FEMA-funded and FEMA-reimbursable language. The NASPO ValuePoint contract for Debris Removal and Monitoring Services, Master Agreement No.: OK-MA-EV00000453 includes these vital FEMA provisions and provides the flexibility to add additional services as the State's needs arise.

In accordance with COMAR 21.05.09.04, the Procurement Officer has determined that it is in the best interest of the State to participate in the Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement competitively procured by NASPO ValuePoint. Additionally, this ICPA method is not intended in any way to evade the purposes set forth under COMAR 21.01.01.03. and therefore, request your approval.

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