**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

**777 North Capitol Street, N.E.**

**Washington, D.C. 20002-4290**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CHIEF PURCHASING OFFICERS COMMITTEE AND THE**

**BALTIMORE REGIONAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING COMMITTEE TO WORK TOGETHER**

**JOINTLY AS THE “MID-ATLANTIC PURCHASING TEAM”**

 **WHEREAS**, the Chief Purchasing Officers Committee (CPOC) is the cooperative purchasing committee of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments with participation from local governments, school boards, community colleges, and state agencies and is interested in securing best value for dollars spent on goods, services, construction, and utilities by local governments in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area; and

 **WHEREAS,** the Baltimore Regional Cooperative Purchasing Committee (BRCPC) is the cooperative purchasing committee of the Baltimore Metropolitan Council, with participation from local governments, school boards, community colleges, and state agencies and is interested in securing best value for dollars spent on goods, services, construction, and utilities by local governments in the Baltimore, Maryland, metropolitan area; and

 **WHEREAS,** CPOC previously entered into an agreement to work together to plan and create cooperative contracts for goods, services, construction, and utilities for which it is in the mutual best interests of both purchasing committees to continue to work together; and

 **WHEREAS,** it is also in the best interest of both cooperative committees to more widely distribute the workload of planning and creating cooperative contracts to leverage increased purchasing and contracting volumes, where appropriate; and

 **WHEREAS,** past efforts have been known variously as BRCPC/CPOC, super-regional and other names, it is in the best interests of both purchasing committees to adopt a consistent identification in the market place for their future joint efforts; and

 **WHEREAS,** both purchasing committees wish to provide the benefits of their cooperation to other political and educational entities;

 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THAT**

The COG Board hereby approves the joining of the Baltimore Metropolitan Council’s Baltimore Regional Cooperative Purchasing Committee (BRCPC) and COG’s Chief Purchasing Officers Committee (CPOC) to become the Mid-Atlantic Purchasing Team (MAPT), and details of the relationships, including procedures and documentation, shall be developed and approved in the form and manner agreed upon by the newly created Mid-Atlantic Purchasing Team.

 ***I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing resolution was unanimously approved and adopted by the COG Board of Directors at its regular meeting held on March 13, 2013.***

 ***Barbara J. Chapman***

 ***Executive Board Secretary***