

Office of the County Auditor
Auditor's Analysis

Council Bill No. 35-2020

Introduced: June 1, 2020

Auditor: Lisa Geerman

Fiscal Impact:

Council Bill 35-2020 approves a new six-year contract with Pictometry International Corporation (Pictometry) at an overall contract cost of \$454,671.36.

The contract is divided into three projects. Each project consists of an aerial acquisition year and subsequent use year, and each project is spread across a two-year span.

Project	Fiscal Year	Cost
Year 1 - Aerial Acquisition	2021	\$71,472.96
Year 2 - Use	2022	\$71,472.96
Year 3 - Aerial Acquisition	2023	\$75,778.56
Year 4 - Use	2024	\$75,778.56
Year 5 - Aerial Acquisition	2025	\$80,084.16
Year 6 - Use	2026	\$80,084.16

Purpose:

The County's existing six-year contract with Pictometry expires in 2020. The replacement contract is based on Pictometry's contract with the United States General Services Administration (GSA).

Pictometry's services are used by the County in its existing GIS (Geospatial Information Systems) software application for many purposes including permits, zoning, emergency response/9-1-1, police investigations, and land use planning and development.

Other Comments:

The agreement requires the payment by the County of funds from an appropriation in a later fiscal year and therefore requires County Council approval as a multi-year agreement pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter and Section 4.118 of the Howard County Code.

Appropriation for the cost of year one has been included in the FY 2021 Operating Budget. A total of \$80,000 is included under Department of Technology and Communication Services, GIS.