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## **BMC RECEIVES REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP AWARD FOR COOPERATIVE PURCHASING INITIATIVE**

**BALTIMORE, MD (December 11, 2015)** – The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) honored the Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC) with the Regional Partnership Award for its cooperative purchasing work on Wednesday, December 9 at COG’s annual membership meeting and awards luncheon.

Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz, BMC’s 2015 Board of Directors chair, accepted the award on behalf of BMC.

“This partnership means we have a cooperative network of cities and counties not just in the Baltimore region, but across Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C. taking a real-world approach to cost savings, in turn, making our governments more efficient,” Kamenetz said.

BMC coordinates the Baltimore Regional Cooperative Purchasing Committee (BRCPC), which provides cost savings initiatives through combining requirements into cooperative contracts for the region’s jurisdictions - Baltimore City and Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford and Howard counties – as well as the City of Annapolis, the public school systems, colleges and the Maryland Department of General Services. BRCPC, along with COG, provides further procurement activities through the Mid-Atlantic Purchasing Team (MAPT).

“I am honored for BMC to receive the Regional Partnership Award for our joint cooperative purchasing work with COG,” said Michael B. Kelly, executive director of BMC. “It is coordination like this that helps both of our organizations achieve millions of dollars in cost savings and cost avoidance each year. We look forward to increased cooperation with COG.”

It is BRCPC’s partnership through the MAPT that earned it the Regional Partnership Award. BRCPC and COG created MAPT in 2012 to strengthen the region’s purchasing

power and the ability to attract lower prices. Cooperative purchasing contracts through MAPT, which total 11, include office supplies, tires, road salt, ice melt and diesel fuel.

“The Council of Governments could not ask for a better partner than BMC,” said Chuck Bean, executive director of COG. “We're raising our relationship to the next level and it's win-win for the cities and counties of our respective regions.”

COG is an independent, nonprofit association where area leaders address regional issues affecting the District of Columbia, suburban Maryland, and Northern Virginia.

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*The Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC) works collaboratively with the chief elected officials in the region to create initiatives to improve the quality of life and economic vitality. BMC, as the Baltimore region's council of governments (COG), hosts the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB), the federal metropolitan planning organization (MPO), and supports local government by coordinating efforts in a range of policy areas including emergency preparedness, housing, cooperative purchasing, environmental planning and workforce development.*

*BMC's Board of Directors includes the Baltimore City mayor, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford and Howard county executives, a member of the Maryland State Senate, a member of the Maryland House of Delegates and a gubernatorial appointee from the private sector.*