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Award of Commodities or Contractual Services Sought

DATE: March 19, 2018

FROM: Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development Council

SUBJECT: **COMMON OPERATING PICTURE (COP) ENTERPRISE LEVEL SOFTWARE SOLUTION FOR ENHANCED MARITIME AND CYBER SECURITY DOMAIN AWARENESS THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF FLORIDA PROCUREMENT**

Pursuant to section 287.057(3)(c), Florida Statutes, the Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development (FSTED) Council issued a request for proposals on March 7, 2018. The request was for the purchase of a common operating picture (COP) enterprise level software solution for enhanced maritime and cyber security domain awareness throughout the State of Florida. Florida had sustained multiple natural disasters over the years and has identified gaps in information sharing during these events. The FSTED Council wishes to strengthen the level of maritime domain awareness and communications at Florida's seaports, during natural and manmade events, between ports and other government agencies within the State.

The FSTED Council has reviewed information received concerning the purchase and use of a COP enterprise level software solution for enhanced maritime and cyber-security domain awareness at all Florida seaports. Based on the information received, the FSTED Council has determined that this solution is only available from ARES Security Corporation. Ares Security currently provides integrated situational awareness and information sharing platforms at four of Florida's seaports and can provide a common operating picture at all of Florida's seaports and additional state agencies as necessary within the time and cost restraints of this proposal.

Any person who believes they are adversely affected by this decision shall file a protest in writing to Mr. Michael Rubin Assistant Secretary, FSTED Council, 502 East Jefferson St. Tallahassee, FL 32301 within 72 hours of this notice as prescribed by state law. Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes, or failure to post the bond or other security required by law within the time allowed for filing a bond shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under chapter 120, Florida Statutes.